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SUMMARY.

Professor Robert Wallace advocates protection for British and colonial farmers against dumping in Great Britain.

A women's branch of the Tariff Reform League has been formed.

Sir Christopher Furness denies that the British shipping trade is decaying.

He points out that the Tyne, Hartlepool, and Tees districts last year launched more tonnage than the whole German Empire.

Sir John Jenkins asserts that the exports of galvanised sheets and tinplates are greatly increasing.

The Dalai Lama has returned Lord Curzon's letters.

The majority of the Thibetans favour the Indian trade, but the monks at Lhassa dominate the situation.

At Tokio it is feared that there is a wide difference between Russia's reply to Japan and pacific assurances reported.

Japanese suppressed a Korean labourers' riot at Mokpho.

It is reported in London that all the Japanese of military age have been recalled.

Two unsuccessful attempts have been made in New York to blow up unfinished buildings with dynamite owing to the building trade dispute.

Thousands of miners captured an anti-Chinese meeting at Johannesburg, and carried a motion hostile to the coloured labour referendum.

A German patrol captured a Hottentot leader, but the Hottentots drove the Germans across a river, wounding two of them.

The Scottish Antarctic expedition is at Monte Video. It achieved good results.

Smallpox is spreading rapidly in Macedonia.

A trades union in America has been fined in its corporate capacity for interfering with the business or employees of various firms.

Herr Bebel, in the Reichstag, said that the social reform programme of the Government consisted merely of vague promises.

He passionately declared that, come what may, the future would rest with the socialists.

Count von Bulow replied that if social democracy triumphed it would soon be replaced by a military dictatorship.

He also declared that Germany would not turn a finger in the way of interference in the Far East except to guard her possessions.

Mr. J. Rockefeller is preparing a new series of endowments for Chicago University amounting to £6,000,000.

A recording telephone has been successfully tried in London.

A fast cruiser is being built in England to prevent illegal fishing in Newfoundland and to be a training ship for the Canadian naval reserve.

The Admiralty are building a battleships' pealing pier at Hongkong.

The polling for the elections for the second Federal Parliament will take place to-day.

At the same time the electors of New South Wales will have an opportunity of recording their votes upon the question of Parliamentary reform.

The right to vote will depend entirely upon enrolment upon the Commonwealth lists, and no electors' rights will be used.

Mr. Reid makes an urgent appeal to the mother State to remain loyal to the principles of freetrade.

Mr. Reid says: "The forces of protection and misgovernment are united against us, and will spend their last pound to defeat us."

Mr. Deakin, in his final word to the people of this State, takes a pessimistic view of the situation.

He refers to the splitting of the protectionist vote in Victoria, and to what he terms "triangular contests" in this State.

"I regard the electoral situation," Mr. Deakin said last night, "as very grave."

Sir William M'Millan, in an address to the electors, points out that the contest will have very far-reaching effects.

He says that freetraders here are shoulder to shoulder with those in the mother country in defence of individual liberty and commercial freedom.

Mr. Carruthers appeals to the people to vote for the reduction of the number of members of Parliament.

The reformers urge the people to plump for 90, and not exercise a preferential vote.

It is stated that the counting of the referendum ballot papers will not be undertaken until the last return is in.

The returns will probably not be available before Monday, December 28.

Mr. John Vernon, Government Auditor, and Mr. Coghlan, Government Statistician, will act as scrutineers.

Mr. Reid spoke at Dungog last night in support of Dr. Liddell's candidature for the Hunter.

Mr. Wise and other Ministerialists delivered addresses in Sydney.

Yesterday the Rev. J. H. Landau, who is leaving Sydney, was presented with a citizens' address.

Mr. Waddell left Sydney last night for Cowra.

Sir John See returned from Wentworth Falls yesterday, and presided at a Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet decided to recommend that the sentence of death passed upon Albert Barlow should be commuted to imprisonment for life.

Some Australians who served in China have been made members of the American military order of the Dragon.

At Newington College yesterday the Governor unveiled a tablet containing the names of old Newington boys who served in South Africa.

At Sydney Grammar School yesterday a tablet was unveiled containing the names of old boys who died in South Africa.

At the Presbyterian Ladies' College yesterday, Mr. G. H. Knibbs delivered an interesting address upon education.

He maintained that education, and not artificial adjustments by politicians, would determine the future of the Commonwealth.

The coroner has ordered the exhumation of the body of Fanny E. E. M. Foster, whose remains were interred at Rookwood on December 12.

The authorities are again endeavouring to explain the Petriana scandal, asserting that the crew were not refused permission to land.

The Governor has assented to the Friendly Societies Further Amendment, the Commercial Causes, the Government Savings Bank, and other Acts.

Last night the City Council decided to take action to prevent the exhibition of cricket scores by newspaper offices.

As an act of clemency, the Victorian Government has agreed to the re-engagement of some of the late railway strikers.

The proclamation of the Defence Act, which was to come into force on January 1, has been deferred.

The Queensland Treasurer says that the State is satisfied to work under the bookkeeping system until a better arrangement can be made.

The Australian cricketers have compiled 367 runs for the loss of five wickets.

They are now 75 runs in advance of the Englishmen's first innings score and have five wickets in hand.

Trumper made 119 not out, Duff 84, Hill 51, and Gregory 43.

Mr. Crockett (umpire) was subjected to a hostile demonstration by a portion of the crowd on account of his decision in Hill's case.

The Newcastle mines have posted notices to reduce the hewing rate to 3s 10d per ton—a reduction of 4d.

It is reported from Adelaide that early on Monday morning an attempt was made to scuttle the barge Stanley.

The Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet.

The feature of the Mining market was a general advance in Barrier silver shares. Some Queensland stocks weakened.

Trade in the Import market was dull.

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*OMRAH ..	8291	Symons ...	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 21
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OROTAVA ..	6857	Collins ...	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
*OROYA ..	6297	Jenks ...	Feb. 24	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
*ORONTES ..	9023	Ruthven..	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
*ORTONA ..	8000	Fletcher ..	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
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BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH BUNDABERG GLADSTONE ROCKHAMPTON TOWNSVILLE { MAREEBA (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Dec. 19. WYANDRA, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 22.
MACKAY BOWEN TOWNSVILLE LUCINDA GERALDTON MOURILYAN CAIRNS PORT DOUGLAS COOKTOWN { WYANDRA, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 22. WOODONGA, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 29. ARAWATTA, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 5 (1904).
THURSDAY ISLAND { MAREEBA (cargo only), Saturday noon, Dec. 19. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
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EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE
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TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY).

Train will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m., calling at all stations. Twenty-four miles by rail and 16 by steamer. RETURN FARES from Sydney (including steamer trip): First-class, 2s 3d; Second-class, 1s 6d. Refreshments can be obtained on the ground.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1903.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations by all trains until FRIDAY, January 1, 1904; available for return until SUNDAY, January 31, 1904.

INTERSTATE TICKETS.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued, until FRIDAY, January 1, to the principal Queensland, Victorian, and South Australian stations; available for return for three months. The journey may be broken for one month going and during the currency of the tickets on the return. The tickets issued between New South Wales and Victorian stations will not be available by the Melbourne Express.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE.

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), DECEMBER 17.

A SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE at 4.5 p.m., calling at the principal stations en route, and be due Melbourne 11 17 a.m. next day.

CHEAP FARES.—First-class, Single £2 6s, Return £3 10s; second-class, Single £1 13s, Return £2 10s. The return tickets will be available for return by the 6.15 a.m. train from Melbourne on any day (Sunday excepted) up to MONDAY, JANUARY 18, inclusive, and also by Special Excursion Train, which will leave Melbourne at 10 p.m. on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.

For further particulars see handbills and posters.

SPECIAL CHEAP TRAINS TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY.

FROM SYDNEY.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 1½d per mile First-class Return (minimum 7s 6d) and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 5s) will be issued at Sydney and intermediate suburban stations, and also at stations outside the metropolitan suburban area, to stations beyond on the respective lines by the following trains from Sydney:—

TO THE NORTHERN AND NORTH-WESTERN LINES.

To stations Woy Woy and beyond, at 1.0 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

TO THE WESTERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

To Main Line Stations beyond Wallerawang, and to the Blayney-Cowra, Grenfell, Forbes, Warren, Cobar, and Brewarrina Branch Lines, at 3.0 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

To stations on the Condobolin Line at 7.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

To stations on the Coonamble Line, at 9.0 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

To stations Eskbank to Wallerawang inclusive, and to the Mudgee Line, at 9.15 a.m., on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

TO THE SOUTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

To stations on the Cowra Line by the 7.10 p.m. Melbourne Express train from Sydney, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

To Main Line stations Douglas Park to Albury, inclusive, also to Harden-Cowra, Grenfell, Gundagai, Tumut, Tumora, and Wyalong Lines, also to stations Old Junee to Narrandera, and Lockhart Branch Line, at 9.13 p.m. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

To the Crookwell and Cooma Lines, at 9.5 p.m. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

To stations on the Germanton Line by the 7.10 p.m. Melbourne Express from Sydney on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

To stations Yance to Hay and Cuddell to Finley inclusive, by the Mail train leaving Sydney at 6.30 p.m. on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

TO SYDNEY.

SIMILAR CHEAP TICKETS will also be issued TO SYDNEY and intermediate stations (where timed to call) as under:—

FROM THE NORTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

From all stations Jennings to Farley inclusive, and Branch Lines (except from stations Inverell to Mungie Bundie, and on the Burren Junction Extension), on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

From stations Inverell to Mungie Bundie on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

From stations on the Wee Waa-Burren Extension, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22a

Stations.		Times.			Return Fares to Sydney. 1st-Cl.	2nd-Cl.
					s d	s d
Jennings...	Dep.	4.8 p.m.,	Fri., Dec. 18		61 3	40 10
Armidale	"	11.38 p.m.,	"		44 9	29 10
Moree	"	3.0 p.m.,	"		31 8	21 5
Narrabri	"	11.38 p.m.,	"		27 2	18 1
Gingiet m	"	2.56 a.m.,	Sat., Dec. 19		18 5	12 3

FROM THE WESTERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

From stations Bomba to Minore, inclusive, and from the Cobar, Warren, and Coonamble Lines; also from stations Orange to Lawson, inclusive, and from Springwood, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

From stations on the Forbes, Condobolin, Blayney-Cowra, and Grenfell Lines; from stations Dubbo to Minore, inclusive, and from the Mudgee Line, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

From stations on the Brewarrina Line on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

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Bourke ...	Dep.	5.0 p.m.,	Fri., Dec. 18	62 11	41 11	
Dubbo ...	"	4.0 a.m.,	Sat., " 19	34 9	23 2	
Forbes ...	"	2.40 p.m.,	" " 19	36 3	24 1	
Orange ...	"	10.10 p.m.,	Fri., " 18	24 0	16 0	
Bathurst...	"	12.20 a.m.,	Sat., " 19	18 2	12 1	
Mudgee ...	"	7.15 a.m.,	" " 19	23 9	15 10	

FROM THE SOUTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

From stations Goulburn to Douglas Park inclusive, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

From stations Albury to Yarra inclusive; also the Branch Lines (except the Germanton Branch) on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

From the Germanton Branch on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Albury ...	Dep.	2.45 p.m.	Sat. Dec. 19		49 3	32 2
Hay	"	9.25 a.m.	"		56 9	37 10
Junee Junc.	"	7.48 a.m.	"		35 11	23 11
Cootamundra	"	9.20 a.m.	"		31 8	21 1
Cowra ...	"	5.50 p.m.	"		33 2	22 1
Goulburn ...	"	4.10 p.m.	Fri., Dec. 18		16 8	11 2

FROM THE ILLAWARRA LINE.

From stations Nowra to Bulli, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Nowra ...	Dep.	1.40 p.m.	Fri., Dec. 18		11 6	7 8
Kiama ...	"	2.35 p.m.			8 11	5 11
Wollongong ...	"	3.38 p.m.			7 6	5 0

FARES from intermediate stations at proportionately low rates.

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ADDITIONAL CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

In addition to the usual Cheap Excursion Tickets issued on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, as shown on pages 15, 18, 19, and 21 of Penny Time-table Book, the following arrangements will be made, viz.:—

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS

at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 3s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued by the undermentioned trains TO AND FROM ALL STATIONS AT WHICH THE TRAINS ARE SHOWN TO CALL:—

THESE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RETURN WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH FROM DATE OF ISSUE, but will not be available by the Melbourne Express, nor will they be available by the Mail Trains leaving Sydney on SUNDAY NIGHTS.

Cheap Excursion Passengers returning to the Mudgee, Crookwell, and Cooma lines (only) will be allowed to travel by the trains leaving Sydney at 7.53 p.m. (Mudgee), and 8.40 p.m. (Crookwell and Cooma lines), on SUNDAY, December 27.

SOUTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec.—5.15 p.m., Sydney to Goulburn.

THURSDAY, 24th Dec.—3.20 p.m., Sydney to Bundanoon; 4.25 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., to Goulburn; 8.40 p.m., at Sydney (only) to stations on the Cooma and Crookwell lines; 11.20 p.m., Sydney to Goulburn; 5.0 a.m., Goulburn to Sydney; 11.25 a.m., from Murrumburrah, at stations Murrumburrah to North Menangle inclusive; 6.35 p.m. from Campbelltown, at stations Campbelltown to Casula; 6.20 p.m., from stations on the Cooma line; 6.20 p.m., from stations on the Crookwell line.

FRIDAY, 25th Dec.—8.0 a.m., Sydney to Goulburn; 3.0 a.m., Goulburn to Sydney.

SATURDAY, 26th Dec.—8.0 a.m., Sydney to Goulburn; 5.0 a.m., Goulburn to Sydney; 6.57 a.m., Moss Vale to Sydney:

ILLAWARRA LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec.—3.0 p.m., Sydney to Wollongong.

THURSDAY, 24th Dec.—1.0 p.m., Sydney to Wollongong; 1.20 p.m. and 5.3 p.m., to Kiama; 5.55 p.m., to stations Omega to Nowra only; 8.0 p.m., Sydney to Kiama; 11.20 p.m., to Nowra; 4.55 a.m., Nowra to Sydney.

FRIDAY, 25th Dec.—7.30 a.m., Sydney to Nowra; 7.38 a.m., to Wollongong; 4.35 a.m., Nowra to Sydney.

SATURDAY, 26th Dec.—7.50 a.m., Sydney to Nowra; 8.38 a.m., to Wollongong; 4.35 a.m., Nowra to Sydney; 8.35 a.m., Wollongong to Sydney.

WESTERN LINE.

SATURDAY, 19th Dec.—3.10 a.m. Sydney to Mount Victoria; 6.20 a.m., to Bathurst; 6.13 p.m., to Mount Victoria; 6.15 a.m., from Mount Victoria to Sydney.

NORTHERN LINE.

SATURDAY, 19th Dec.—9.18 a.m. and 1.55 p.m., Sydney to Gosford; 4.0 p.m., West Maitland to Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec.—3.45 p.m., Sydney to Newcastle; 2.35 p.m., West Maitland to Sydney.

THURSDAY, 24th Dec.—8.5 a.m., Sydney to Newcastle; 2.20 p.m. to stations north of Gosford as far as Tamworth; 3.45 p.m. to stations north of Gosford and as far as Newcastle; 4.25 p.m. and 7.34 p.m., to Gosford; 8.10 p.m., to Newcastle; 11.15 p.m., to Newcastle and West Maitland; 2.35 p.m., West Maitland to Sydney; 10.35 p.m., Singleton to Sydney; 10.40 p.m., Tamworth to Sydney (from stations north of Singleton only).

FRIDAY, 25th Dec.—8.5 a.m., Sydney to Newcastle; 12.45 a.m., Newcastle to Sydney.

SATURDAY, 26th Dec.—7.32 a.m., Sydney to Gosford; 8.5 a.m., to Newcastle; 5.0 a.m., West Maitland to Sydney.

Handbills and further particulars can be obtained from all Stationmasters, and at the Central Booking Office, George and Wynyard-streets, Sydney.

By order of the Commissioners,
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1903,

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA,
AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND,

A Frequent Service of Trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground from Bent-street and the intersection of Castlereagh and Devonshire streets (Railway Institute), commencing at 10.30 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN,
Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a quantity of UNCLAIMED GOODS on hand prior to the 23rd December, 1902, and certain articles left in trains or on Railway premises, such as Umbrellas, Walking Sticks, Muffs, &c., which have been on hand three months, will be sold by public auction, at 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, 23rd December, 1903, at the Darling Harbour Goods Station.

Owners may apply for lost articles to the Superintendent of the Lines, Redfern, until the 18th December.

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H. McLACHLAN,
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of his association with the
ROYAL COMIC OPERA COMPANY,
which will take place on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st, when will be presented
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THE DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT,
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to be followed by
THE SECOND ACT
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THE SERENADE.
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PRIVATE COTTAGE, Furnished,

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XLIII.

WHO IS THE PRINCE.

Nan was never happier! And do you imagine that I was not? Even though it meant only abnegation, I was happy to know that it was me Nan had inquired about at the astrologist's—for that meant that Nan loved me! And even if I had to give her up to Cawdor—it was too sweet in this first surety to be sorry for even that! Don't you know that it is sweeter—easier—almost sacramental—to give up the Nan one loves who loves us, than to give up the Nan one loves who loves us not?

So I laughed, too.

And we raced down the rickety steps hand in hand—I first to land, Nan to leap into my arms from the third step.

Below, waiting for her, were a dozen tousled children—a bunch attacking each one—struggling for her hands. I pushed them away. Nan chided me with a sudden sharpness. But then she said at once—

"Dear, dear cousin Jock! But you mustn't hurt my babies! Wait! I know how to fix 'em! Then, since you are here, dear, old, poky Jock, and have caught me red-handed, we'll do Italy in thirty minutes. It will be better than confessing it—to show it all to you. And I've got to do one or the other. And you remember what you said about the girl with low tastes?"

"I remember," I laughed, "that you beguiled me into saying what I didn't mean!"

"Well, then, Jock, my dear cousin, say what you mean now. It is free here. This is another country!"

"I say now that if the foolishly exalted man adored the foolishly low girl, he would not only live—love—die, and be buried in her country—even though it were this—but be glad—if she were—Nan!"

"Yes," confessed Nan. "But if he don't know it—why, it isn't. And he don't know!"

I heard some one say to Nan—

"Has the prince a-come? Is this the he, he, he?"

Nan put her hand on the mouth which spoke.

It was a hideous old woman, with a shawl over her head. But she flung her arms about Nan and kissed her on both cheeks. Nan kissed the woman. I dodged in and separated them.

"Jock!" laughed Nan. "She's one of the best friends I have on earth!"

Nan, laughing, looked after the retreating woman.

"She is important down here! And you've frightened her horribly. Her name is Libera Rossa Sirocco!"

I asked—

"What does she do that makes her important? I thought she was going to stab you."

"Jock," laughed Nan, "you're horrible! She's—she's—very important."

PANA ITALIANO
per
SPEZZIO LARGO.

Nan dodged into the bake-shop. A bell fastened to the door tinkled. A ruddy little man pushed his head, frowning, out of a room behind a counter piled with cages. When the head saw Nan, its cap came off and a smile replaced the frown.

"Here! Fill my babies with cake!"

Nan gave him some money. Then, to the children—

"Children, your mother's got company today. A great foreigner who don't like you. Go away. Or, if you stay, you must all go home—and wash—and put on clean pinafores——"

One of them braved even this fate.

"Where is the signore who will like us—who will come?" asked she. "And you like him very much?"

"S-s-sh!" whispered Nan. "If I hear another word, you must all wash!—put on clean pinafores!"

"Behind you he is!" laughed the baker to the children.

They turned to look at me again.

"Pinafores! Clean faces!" threatened Nan. And we escaped.

She caught my arm and swung along for several minutes. Then she said, in Nan's perilous softness—

"Jock, you didn't mean me to be nasty to my babies? Gluck never is."

"No," I said.

"I hated to threaten them with pinafores and clean faces. It was your fault. Oh, isn't it glorious to be free! To know that you needn't wash your face nor put on a clean pinafore! That's why I like them—because they are never quite clean. But, Jock, I'll bet their little souls are cleaner than ours!"

"Not cleaner than yours, Nan."

Nan reflected a moment. Then she said—

"Jock, do you think the milk-balls will make up for being so nasty to my babies?"

"Yes," I laughed. "What are they?"

"Jock, I'm the girl I spoke of the other day—said I knew, don't you know—and you asked whether she was dead?"

"Good morning," said Nan to a gentleman in short red side-whiskers and a pink shirt, who stood in his own door. Over his head was a green-and-yellow sign—

ALBERGO E TRATTORIA ITALIANO.

"Jock," explained Nan mysteriously, "that means eating and sleeping place."

The pink-shirted man grinned and took off his hat.

"Will-a you eat-a with me? You and the he?"

"No, thank you," said Nan, as if he kept the Waldorf; "not to-day."

Then to me—

"Jock, some day, when we're not travelling so fast—for now since you are getting acquainted with my people, you'll want to come often—we'll go in and see what he has to eat."

"Thank you. I can fancy. I'd rather."

Nan gave another cordial good morning, and I looked up to be affronted by a green moon painted upon a window.

"Jock, isn't he a beauty?"

A thin young man with oiled, curled hair and a comb behind his ear was bowing, with a hand on his heart.

"Signore Martinos!" whispered Nan. "He is probably the greatest man in all Italy Minor. That's his tonsorielle. It's right name is Il Tonsorielle del' Moon That Is Green. Don't you just love it!"

"And what makes him great, pray?" I laughed.

"Gluck."

I stared.

"He gets shaved there. But—oh— There is one greater. They are all waiting for and expecting him. I am to bring him some day."

After we had passed I heard the barber say to someone who followed us closely—

"Certainly. Now we shall see! I am glad! They will be married before the snow comes."

The questioner questioned him again.

"Pish!" answered the mighty barber. "I say pish! I say it is he! It is sufficient."

XLIV.

SIGNORE RAFFAELLO.

"Hurry—hurry—Jock! Oh, this will be lovely! You will adore Signore Raffaello! Time is flying."

I saw a white coffin displayed in the window as Nan dragged me, now nearly bereft of volition, into the little shop.

A tall old man, wearing a tall old hat, met Nan with both arms affectionately outstretched. I observed that he did not remove his hat, and he noticed that I had done so.

"That is account of my head is bal'," he explained, "and ketch col' at graves. Behol'!"

He lifted his hat sufficiently to demonstrate the truth of this; then, with a profound bow, replaced it.

"That is most strange! It is the hat which cause the bal'. Yet cannot it undo the same. Yet cannot th'ow away hat and say, 'Be dam! Ketch col'!'"

I bowed. He turned to Nan, once more holding out his hands. Nan took them. And I thought I saw a little mist come into her dear eyes, which made me ashamed of my once superior attitude towards these humble friends of hers. Was it altogether horrid to have such affection as I saw in this handsome old man's eyes for my Nan? An adoration so innocent—so childlike—that one somehow thought even of such things as the madonne which were everywhere displayed in his dismal shop. Why, he trusted—believed—adored her! And he, with his worldly wisdom, learned in a school better than mine, would know whether Nan was worthy of trust and belief and adoration—better than I.

"Ah, daughter of the angles!" turning his head a little aside to me, but retaining her hands in his. "How she all time jol!' us! How she come ev' day and jol!' me—jol!' those rascal Paythagoras. Aha! I do not think his name is Paythagoras. Only that he was a great man. He stole the name. That is lie. Yet I dounne. This I know—he is not Roman, not Italiase; Virgin! No! No! Perhaps he is Greek. But he will not tell. Just he sit on his place and marry, marry, marry, marry. Be dam'! Tweat'-fi' cent! That is his business, signore, just as mine is that I bury. Well—they born. That is Libera Rossa Sirocco. They marry. That is rascal Signore Paythagoras—sometime good marry—more sometime bad. They die! That is me—and best account last—is no more! Everybody got to die. Not everybody got to be born—be marry. Ah! Signore, she jol!' him like unto me. Oh, the daughter of the angels respect not priest! Such priest—be dam'! Perhaps in the church. Investments—and holy—very—yes!"

He laughed, and touched Nan's cheek softly.

"She tell him he shall marry her—soon she bring her prince! And she will give him dol' thirt' cent—aha, ha, ha! Virgin! How that rascal Signore Paythagoras strive—wait—pray for those dol' thirt' cent!"

He brought Nan and me closer together.

"Ah, she jol!' you, too?"

"Yes," I laughed, "more than you or Paythagoras!"

(To Be continued.)

THE SENATE ELECTION.

THE FREETRADE THREE.

NEILD, J. C.
PULSFORD, E.
GRAY, J. P.

The Senate is the State House of the Federal Parliament; that is, the House specially provided by the Constitution to safeguard the just rights of the respective States. During the coming Parliament, besides all matters of general interest, several subjects of deep importance to the States as States, and particularly so to New South Wales, will have to be dealt with. Here are three of them:—

1. The selection of a site and the arrangements for the laying out and construction of the future capital of the Commonwealth.
2. The final adjustment of revenue and expenditure between the States. We are now in the third year of the bookkeeping period. This system was adopted temporarily for five years. The basis of settlement has yet to be fought out.
3. The Interstate Commerce Commission, to regulate commerce between the States.

These three big questions call for ability and experience, and the best that is available ought to be secured. If the electors feel that the interests of New South Wales are not safe in the hands of the present Government and wish to safeguard those interests they must send the three free-trade and Liberal candidates—Gray, Neild, Pulsford—to represent them. The Senate consists of only 36 members, so the return of these three Opposition supporters would have a powerful influence.

To return two Opposition supporters and one Government supporter would mean that, instead of three votes with which to fight the Government, there would practically be only one, as the second vote would be balanced by that of the Government supporter.

Therefore, vote for the three, the whole three, and none but the three, and thus give the best interests of New South Wales the advantage of full Senatorial strength. At the election in 1901 J. C. Neild and E. Pulsford were returned, whilst J. P. Gray (with 60,499 votes) came seventh on the list of 50 candidates. J. C. Neild and E. Pulsford have three years' services to speak for them, and J. P. Gray has at least 60,499 reasons to speak for him.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE.

The president of the Women's Political Educational League has issued the following manifesto:—

Dear Fellow Women,—You know that my desire for many years has been to serve you and to help you if I could do so. To-day is not only the election day for the Commonwealth, it is also the referendum for the reduction or non-reduction of the members in the State Parliament. First, I would beg of you all to use the votes which you will have to-day—one for the House of Representatives, three for the Senate, and then your vote or votes in the referendum.

Fellow Women,—You must feel with me that our votes are a great and sacred trust, and that our dominant thought in voting must be the welfare of our country and its people. Therefore, beware of party cries, beware of sectarianism. Rise above all this; keep in your minds the welfare of Australia and all sections of the people of Australia. Hear all sides; so only will you be able to measure the relative value of party cries. Vote for men who, whatever their party, have patriotism and honesty; men who have in the past proved themselves in sympathy with the needs of women and children, or the weak and suffering. Such men as these will unite to work for good measures, because their minds will be actuated, not by the low motive of self-interest, but by the broad principle contained in the democratic ideal, "Duty and self-sacrifice." Whether it is pleasant to you or agreeable to your friends, vote in accordance with your conscience; so only can you serve your country. There are those who declare "My country, right or wrong." "My party, right or wrong," but this is only the short-sightedness of those who ignore the greatest power on earth—the power of moral force. The conscience of the individual is the safeguard of the community. Therefore, fellow women, vote according to your individual conscience, and do not sink your great responsibility by allowing others to think for you. Your vote is your voice, and to find it you must consult your own mind and heart. No one can tell you what to do, for your responsibility is your own, and it is your individual voice that the nation needs. This is the democratic ideal; let us live up to it, and we shall, even upon our first election day, have done something to elevate public opinion, something to purify our political life, something to exalt our nation.

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
ROSE SCOTT,
President Women's Political Educational League.

VOTE 90.

Something too much of this! Too much government, too many people governing, too much waste, too much talk, too much humbug. Why? Where there is sensible local government the people who want anything pay for it. You bet they don't pay £15,000 for a bridge when a plank will do. But the logrolling legislator would throw that £15,000 away. That's all right. But it's YOUR MONEY.

If you want local government and economy vote 90.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The present time, when the people are crying out for reform and reduction of members, is opportune for a review of our representation in the government of this democratic country, and for suggestions as to remedial measures. Most of the trouble is caused by the "log-rolling" or "roads and bridges" member, and by the professional politician, which latter may fairly be reckoned as including the labour representative. To get over all this, I propose to make the whole State one electorate, thus annihilating the present pernicious system of different parts, or electorates, of the State having separate representatives, all on the "get," and struggling to obtain for their electorates more than others, endeavouring in this way to excel in the estimation and opinion of those they represent rather than by the more worthy employment of passing beneficial enactments for all classes and all inhabitants of the State. Having overcome the "local interest" of the separate electorate representative, I think, say 25 members to be elected by the electors of the whole State just as they elected senators to the Federal Senate, and who would constitute the Government, or a Governmental council, should be ample to provide all the laws we need, having in view the fact that the more important or what might be termed "national" legislation is now the duty of the Federal Parliament. In this, as in the case of the Federal representatives, they would be elected more upon their integrity and ability to govern than upon their success in "getting," as with the present State members. The municipal councils, vested with more powers and authority than heretofore, the members of which being local residents, would be far more adapted than most of the present members of Parliament to attend to the wants and requirements of each borough or division, and to the carrying out of works, such as roads, bridges, etc, within their sphere or juris-diction, and which boroughs or divisions the Government would need to subsidise so much per cent. upon the amount raised by rates therein, must then step in and take the place of the present "log-rolling" or "roads and bridges" member; and I think would give far greater satisfaction than at present obtaining. There would, of course, if the payment of members remains in force, the professional politician still to be reckoned with; and to do away with such a measure is required restricting members to alternate Parliaments—that is, they could not be members of consecutive Parliaments.

I am, etc,
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LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

BANCO COURT.
(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CASE SETTLED.

Ward v the Shell Transport Trading Company.

This action, in which plaintiff claimed compensation for personal injury sustained while in the service of the defendant company, was settled, a verdict by consent being returned for plaintiff for £75. The costs were assessed at £10.

CLAIM FOR WORK DONE.

Budge v Thompson.

Mr. Macmanamey, instructed by Messrs. T. J. and J. Hughes, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. James and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. H. T. Morgan, for the defendant. This was an action brought by James Budge, mechanical engineer, against Albert Herbert Thompson, to recover the sum of £50 claimed to be due for alterations and additions to a crane. The defendant pleaded not indebted.

The jury returned a verdict for defendant.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.
(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

LYON v J. AND A. BROWN.

Mr. Watt and Mr O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. G. W. T. Flynn, agent for Mr. W. A. Reid, of Newcastle, appeared for the plaintiff, John Lyon, administrator of the estate and effects of Frederick Lundy, deceased; Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr Shand, instructed by Messrs Sparke and Angus, agents for Messrs. Sparke and Millard, of Newcastle, appeared for the defendants, John Brown, William Brown, and Stephen Brown, trading as J. and A. Brown, of Newcastle. The plaintiff claimed £1000 damages in respect of the death of Frederick Lundy, his stepson. On August 28, 1902, Lundy was employed by the defendants on the steamer Duckenfield, which was undergoing its annual overhaul. While he was in the engine-room a valve cover on a water column of a boiler was blown off, and there was an outburst of steam. The young man received injury from which he died. Certain counts in the present action came within the scope of the Employers' Liability Act. The plaintiff alleged negligence on the part of the defendants and their servants. The defendants pleaded not guilty, and in a number of pleas denied the negligence alleged.

Verdict for defendant.

ALLEGED TRESPASS.

Menzies v. M'Cabe.

Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Mr. H. R. Crossman, of Glen Innes (by Messrs. Fitzhardinge and Zlotkowski), appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear. This was an action brought by Arthur Stewart Menzies, farmer, against Alexander M'Cabe, grazier, for trespass upon his property, consisting of 14 acres of land in the parish of Rusden, county of Gough, and by his stock consuming the grass thereon. The damages claimed were £50. As the claim of the plaintiff was not disputed, the only issue was as to the amount of damages.

Verdict for the plaintiff for £20.

CLAIM FOR COMMISSION.

Henderson v. London Bank of Australia.

Mr. Shand, instructed by Mr. E. Lucas, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and M'Donald, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Louis Charles Henderson against the London Bank of Australia to recover the sum of £60 alleged to be due to him for commission at 2½ per cent. on the sale of certain property at Drummoyne to Mr. James Robertson for the sum of £2400.

The case stands part heard.

IN EQUITY.
(Before the Chief Judge, Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, and a jury of four.)

A JURY CASE.

This was a case in which Neil Stewart, the surviving trustee of the will of the late A. Murray, applied to bring certain lands, situated at North Bondi, under the Real Property Act. A caveat was entered by Bonus Clarke, who claimed to have been in possession of the land through his father.

Mr. Adrian Knox, instructed by Messrs. Rolin and Gilder, appeared on behalf of the applicant; and Mr. Milner-Stephen and Mr. Nicholas, instructed by Messrs. Dobbin and Uther, for the caveator.

The hearing of evidence was concluded, and the Court rose till the following day.

DIVORCE COURT.
(Before Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson.)

ROBERTS v. ROBERTS.

The hearing was concluded of the application made by Stephen Edward Roberts, railway employee, for a dissolution of his marriage with Elizabeth Jane Roberts, formerly Townsend, on the ground of desertion. Respondent denied the allegation, and cross-charged her husband with cruelty, upon which issue she asked for a judicial separation.

His Honor said that he was of the opinion that there was a separation by mutual consent. There had been a good deal of unpleasantness between the parties, who both appeared to have violent tempers. The petition was dismissed, with costs.

MORTIMORE v MORTIMORE.

Mary Ann Mortimore, formerly Goodwin, of Campbell-street, Paddington, petitioned for a divorce from William Lacey Mortimore, on the ground of his adultery with divers women. Mr. F. J. Tanner appeared for petitioner, and Mr. Noble, instructed by Mr. Moss, for respondent, who denied the charge, and also cross-charged petitioner with adultery. The parties were married, according to the rites of the Church of England, at Petersham on March 12, 1890.

The case stands part heard.

DECREES ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decrees nisi in the following suits, and declared the marriages dissolved:—Eve Burns v Richard Fitzgerald Burns, Charlotte Vitnell v William Vitnell, Selina Lawrence v Solomon Lewis Lawrence, Leslie James v Ella Maude Mary James, Squire Brisbane Webb v Monica Mary Webb, Elizabeth Sarah Greensalde v Percy Greensalde, Mabel Eva Capper v Thomas Capper, Clara Browne v George Dunlop Browne, Nancie Ann Thompson v Thomas Junk Thompson, Adeline Cox v George Alfred Cox, Eliza Florence Mason v Paul Ferrell Mason, and Sydney Banks Smith v Amy Rosalie Smith.

In the suit of Hannah Charlotte Isabella De Fraine against George De Fraine, Mr. Ralston moved on behalf of the respondent to make absolute the decree nisi that had been granted on June 19. The decree was made returnable in three months. The petitioner, it was stated, had not moved to make it absolute, and the respondent now did so on notice. His Honor pronounced the decree absolute, and declared the marriage dissolved.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Alfred Moles. The Registrar recorded: Bankrupt failed to keep proper books, continued to trade knowing himself to be insolvent, contracted debts without reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay, gave undue preferences, admits that gambling and extravagance did partly contribute to his bankruptcy. Certificate suspended for three years.

Re Ernest Allen. The matter was adjourned to the first Tuesday after vacation.

SINGLE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re Frederick Charles Nickisson. The matter was adjourned sine die.

Re George Hill. The bankrupt failed to appear, and the matter was adjourned to the second Monday after vacation.

Re Frederick Augustus Bolles Peters. As accounts were not filed, the matter was adjourned to the second Monday after vacation.

Re George Herbert Gibson Manning. On the application of the official assignee, the matter was adjourned to the second Monday after vacation.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

John M'Court, of Church-street, Wickham, near Newcastle, carpenter. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

John Canning Corseaden, of Riverside, near Forbes, wool-scourer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

John Bridge and Co., Limited, of Sydney, woolbrokers, versus James Dennis, of Lower Tarcutta, grazier. Date of hearing 29th instant.

The Welsbach Light Company of Australasia, Limited, originally called the Australasian Incandescent Gaslight Company, Limited, of 441 Kent-street, Sydney, versus Jules Verhaege, of Griffiths-street, Woolloomooloo, working confectioner. Date of hearing 21st instant.

The National Bank of Australasia, Limited, versus John Henderson and Laurence Henderson, stock and station agents, lately carrying on business at Sydney under the style of "Henderson Brothers." Date of hearing December 21.

ARBITRATION COURT.
(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, President; and Messrs. W. D. Cruickshank and Samuel Smith, members.)

THE PAINTING TRADE DISPUTE.

The hearing was continued of the industrial dispute between the Sydney Trade Union of painters (claimant union) and the Master Painters and Decorators' Association of New South Wales (respondent union). Mr. Rose, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers, appeared for the claimant union, and Mr. Hammond, instructed by Messrs. Beeby and Henderson, for the respondent union. The issues and objections have previously been published.

Further evidence on behalf of the respondent union was given.

James Snape, master painter, of Pitt-street, Sydney, and Randwick, stated that he employed on an average 27 to 30 men. Good men he paid 9s, and ordinary men 8s per day. He never found any difficulty in getting men, with the exception, perhaps, of first-class hands. He did not think that more than 25 per cent. of the workmen could be graded as first class. It would be better, in his opinion, if apprentices were indentured. He agreed with Mr. Grice's definition of a first grade man.

Charles Morrison, master painter, of Liverpool-street, said that he employed about 27 men. Many employers would have to shut down if the men's demands were granted. Trade was, and had been for some time, very slack.

Mr. Rose: If one standard rate of wage was fixed, would it not raise the quality of the work to the public?—Yes.

Having the higher standard of work, how could the low class men turn round and compete with the first-class men?—Because the public did not know first-class work.

George Moorecroft, master painter, of Balmain, but not a member of respondent union, deposed that he had been 40 years in the trade, during 20 years of which he had been an employer. He paid his men 7s, 8s, and 9s per day according to ability, and experienced no trouble in getting men. His work was chiefly of a rough description. If the men's demands were granted small employers would close. The men themselves would tender for work, and the increased competition would bring the price of the work down. He knew of instances where men had combined and carried out contracts at cheaper rates than the wages they would have got under a master painter. He knew of cases where union men had tendered for work and carried it out on Saturday afternoon and at night after the completion of their ordinary work.

Mr. Rose said that the union did not think that could be true, and he asked for the names of the men.

Witness supplied names in two instances.

E. Quartley, master painter, of Newtown, was also examined.

This closed the respondent union's case.

The matter was adjourned until Thursday, when counsel's addresses will be heard.

DISTRICT COURT.
(Before Judge Murray and a jury of four.)

ALLEGED WRONGFUL ARREST.

Mr. S. M. Quinlan appeared for the plaintiff, Daniel Ford, tanner, of No. 3 Francis-street, Glebe; and Mr. A. B. Piddington (instructed by Mr. E. R. M. Newton) for the defendant, Arthur Alfred Hammond, of Kennedy-street, Glebe. Plaintiff claimed £200 damages. He alleged that he was arrested and imprisoned on a charge of alleged false pretences at the instance of defendant on September 12 last. Defendant, he alleged, falsely and maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause, charged him with falsely pretending that he was employed by Enoch Taylor and Co. as foreman chrome leather tanner at £6 per week and also that he (plaintiff) was possessed of £300 in the Savings Bank at Hobart, which he intended to transfer to the Savings Bank at Sydney, by means of which false pretence he obtained from the defendant spirits, beers, board and lodging, and the sum of 11s with intent to defraud. By reason of these charges a warrant was issued for plaintiff's apprehension. He was brought before the police court, and the charge, warrant, and all proceedings were withdrawn. Plaintiff claimed that he had been injured in reputation, had been prevented from attending his business, and had incurred expense in defending himself from the charge, and obtaining his release, owing to the action of the defendant.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and justification, and claimed that while in lawful custody the plaintiff promised and agreed not to sue him in respect of the arrest and detention if defendant would procure and agree to his immediate release, which defendant accordingly did.

The case was not concluded when the Court rose.

DISTRICT COURT NO. 2.
(Before Judge Backhouse.)

APPEAL AGAINST MAINTENANCE ORDER.

His Honor gave his reserved decision in regard to the appeal of John Joseph Byrne against an order for the payment of 30s per week for the maintenance of his wife. Appellant alleged that since leaving him his wife had been guilty of adultery. His Honor held that there was not a particle of evidence of any misconduct on the wife's part since the divorce proceedings, which had resulted in the Judge in Divorce holding that the parties should not be divorced. As they were still man and wife it seemed to his Honor that the husband should support the wife. When the order came before the magistrate for renewal if it could be shown that the wife was leading an irregular life there was no doubt that the magistrate would refuse to make a further order. The appeal was dismissed, and the appellant ordered to pay £3 3s costs.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, December 17.

Cause List.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Wrigat, Heaton, and Co., Limited, v. Nicholson; Force Food Company v. Scott, M. S. Company, Limited. No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Henderson v. London Bank of Australia, Limited (part heard); Freund v. Brown and others. Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 1 Jury Court on 17th inst will not be required to attend at all.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—North Queensland Insurance Company v. Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, 11 a.m.; S. A. Joseph and Richard, Limited, v. Smith and another, 11.30 a.m.; Little v. Webb, 12; Simpson v. Walker, 12.30 p.m. Before the Chief Clerk.—Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, v. Railway Commissioners, 10.30 a.m.; same v. same, 10.30 a.m.; Crowley v. Cooper, 10.15 a.m.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—At 10; Mortimore v. Mortimore (part heard); Engelbert and Engelbert, Hurley co-respondent (part heard), and hearing of causes.

In Equity, Wednesday, December 16.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Neil Stewart and others, Bonus Clarke, caveator (part heard). Thursday, December 17.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10.45 a.m.: In re M. K. Vindin and Charter and Hawkins, trustees of; In re M. K. Burdekin and others, infants, summons for appointment of guardian and for maintenance; Marshall v. Reynolds, originating summons (part heard); Hunt v. Golledge, originating summons; Re Cecil Payne and others, petition for power to sell; Bloyce v. Hudson, motion for attachment order; Commissioner for Railways and William Prendergast, petition for payment out; John Bridge and Co., Limited, v. Herdsfield, motion for appointment of receiver; R. F. Purchase and others, infants, summons for appointment of guardian and maintenance; Douglas v. Union Bank of Australia, motion to amend statement of claim; Barney v. O'Connor; Cope v. Medford, originating summons.

In Equity.—Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Minister for Works and Lacey, to appear if investment in and consider report of Uther, re; at 12 noon: Brandt v Utley, review of taxation, 1; Brandt v Utley, review of taxation, 2. At 12.30 p.m.: Minister for Works and Wm. Webb, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Re will of J. Stokes, to settle minutes of order. At 2.30 p.m.: Minister for Works and W. A. Long, to consider report on title. At 3 p.m.: Re John T. Baptist and Trustee Act, to settle minutes of order. At 3.15 p.m.: Harkness v Harkness, to settle minutes of order. At 3.30 p.m.: Gulf Meat Company and Companies Act, to settle minutes of order.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Quirt v Irwin, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs. At 10.45 a.m.: Metcalfe v Metcalfe, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Lyons v Gibbons, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Geo. Hill, deceased, and L. of P. Act, 1898, to tax costs.

Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—After Bankruptcy.—Miller v Simpson, originating summons.

Before his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Albert Fisher and Charles Herbert Young, application for directions.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications—Thomas Alfred Richardson, re Harold Syr Ringstad and James William Potter, ex parte Harold Syr Ringstad, Eugene Frederick Rudder, John Carey. Motion for release: Re Haigh Australia Zlotkowski and Archibald Corbett Forsyth, and the separate estates of Haigh Australia Zlotkowski and Archibald Corbett Forsyth, respectively. Motion for order approving scheme of arrangement and composition: George Arkell Fox. Single meetings: William Lane Courtney, John Joseph Byrne, Isaac Burnard Ferris, Richard Thomas, Ernest Richard Price Shone, John Gordon Byrnes, John Alexander Bobbie, James Howe, Hans Jorgensen. Examination under Sec. 30: Armand Jerome, Oscar Dunreath Cooper. Applications for extensions of time for filing accounts and plans.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—On Thursday, December 17, at 10.30 a.m.: Lunacy matters.

DISTRICT COURT.—Wednesday, December 16.

Before his Honor Judge Murray and a Jury.—At 10 a.m.: Ford v Hammond (part heard).

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, December 17.

Before his Honor Judge Murray in No. 1 Court.—At 10 a.m.: Tye v Bobrsman, Evans v Bury, Butler v Butler. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse in No. 2 Court.—At 10 a.m.: Buchanan v Gair, Campbell v Farthing, Booker v Rigg. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

PROMOTIONS IN THE POLICE FORCE.

The following police promotions have been approved, to take effect as from the 1st inst:—

Detective 1st-class John Hoskinson, to be senior detective.

Detectives 1st-class William J. Jones and John Fullerton, to receive increased pay.

Detectives 3rd-class Joseph F. G. Darlington, John Walker, and E. J. Ward to be detectives, 2nd-class.

Senior-constable John Hawe to be detective, 3rd-class.

Ordinary Constable Paul Vincent, to be constable, 1st-class.

Detective 1st-class James M'Hattie (Newcastle), to be senior detective. All the promotions carry increased pay.

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ALLEGED ASSAULT UPON G. H. WEBB.

MARSHALL AND CHEESBOROUGH CHARGED.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., George Henry Webb, of 157 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, dentist, proceeded against Henry James Marshall and John Swinfen Cheesborough upon a charge of assaulting him, in company, at Paddington, on September 17 last. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Carroll (Messrs. Crick and Carroll) defended. When the case was called on Mr. Abigail drew the attention of the Bench to the fact that the defendants were not present. He had good grounds, he said, for believing that they did not intend to appear. Mr. Abigail contended that the case could not be proceeded with in the absence of the defendants.

The S.M.: I can compel them to attend.

Mr. Carroll explained that he had told both his clients that the case would not be called on before 11 o'clock. And they were now on their way to the court. He contended that under section 77 of the Justices Act the S.M. could hear the case, the defendants being represented by an attorney.

Mr. Carroll took a preliminary objection. He tendered a certificate from the Attorney-General, in which Mr. Wise objected to proceed against both the defendants for an offence committed upon the same date as the present offence was alleged to have been committed (and more serious than the present one), and that the evidence given in the former case would have been sufficient to convict the defendants on the present charge. They could not now be charged for the minor offence. Mr. Carroll contended that the previous charge of conspiracy and committing acts of violence against Webb, being a greater offence, covered the case of assault. Mr. Carroll also pointed out that there was no offence in "conspiring to bring about a marriage," as marriage was lawful, but that the actual offence in the former charge was that of committing acts of violence against Webb, i.e., doing that which was unlawful.

The S.M.: The defendants could not have been convicted for an assault under the previous indictment. If the jury did not find the defendants guilty of the conspiracy, they could not convict for an assault.

Mr. Carroll then quoted the case of Regina v Young (the Mercadool land case), 17, New South Wales Law Reports, and asked for a stay of proceedings on the grounds that immediately after the certificate of the Attorney-General was given the defendant Marshall proceeded against Webb on civil rights. And to go on with the present case would prejudice Marshall's civil rights in the case now proceeding in the Supreme Court. The present case turned on what took place on Glenmore-road, Paddington, on the date in question. Continuing, Mr. Carroll pointed out that on the 8th instant Mr. Justice Walker granted leave to Marshall to prosecute Montgomery for false swearing in regard to what took place at the time of the assault now complained of. Montgomery was arrested, and the next day the present information was laid. If the case were gone on with he held that it would interfere with the two cases now pending.

The S.M.: How should that affect Webb's rights if he had been assaulted?

Mr. Carroll: Two months ago the Attorney-General refused to file a bill in the former case, and Webb said nothing about the assault until December 10. Mr. Carroll put it to the S.M. that he should not go on with the present case, as Webb was free to prosecute two months ago, and the present case was brought on simply to cloud over the other cases.

The S.M.: The difficulty I see is why Webb should be deprived of his rights to bring an action against the defendants.

Mr. Carroll: Why did Webb not come forward before?

The S.M.: That's a matter for him to explain.

Mr. Carroll submitted that, on the ground of fairness and public policy, the case should not be dealt with summarily.

The S.M. said he could understand Mr. Carroll's objection and application if the case were against Webb. He did not see why the case should not go on. The assault case was merely a fragment of the cases arising.

Mr. Abigail said they joined issue in the case against Marshall, and it could have been set down and heard before now if the other side had liked.

Mr. Carroll again protested that the present proceedings, if continued, were an interference with Marshall's rights, and in a case of great public interest it should not now be heard.

Mr. Abigail: If the defendants are innocent, let them come to the court and be discharged.

The S.M. decided to hear the case.

Mr. Webb then entered the witness-box to give evidence.

Mr. Carroll stated that he had 14 witnesses to call, including six detectives, and the case would take as long as, or longer than, the conspiracy case.

The S.M.: That places me in an awkward position, as I go on leave next week. I had better not commence the hearing.

A lengthy consultation between the parties took place regarding the advisability of the postponement. Mr. Webb promised to allow his wife £1 per week (without prejudice to any order that might be made in the proceedings for maintenance now pending), and it was mutually agreed that the case be postponed until January 28 next.

The case was postponed accordingly.

POLICE COURTS.

FRAUDULENT CONVERSION.

In the charge division of the Central Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., Thomas Young, 50, tailor, was charged by warrant with being the bailee of certain property belonging to John Blair, licensee of Market Hotel, Sussex-street, in wit, £11 15s, and f

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NATIONAL PROTECTION UNION.

SENATE.

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FEDERAL ELECTORATE of NORTH SYDNEY.
Mr. DUGALD THOMSON, M.H.R., will Address and thank the Electors in the Christ Church Hall, Gladesville, on THURSDAY, 17th instant, at 8 p.m. The MAYOR, H. J. ASPINALL, Esq., will preside.

FRONT SEATS RESERVED FOR LADIES.
Authorised by DUGALD THOMSON, Milson's Point.

PARKES ELECTORATE.—HAMPTON SLATYER agrees to Circular re Federal Arbitration Bill. (Signed) ROBERT HOLLIS. Newman-street, Newtown, December 15, 1903.

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LOST, a gold Brooch, pearl and turquoise centre, between Bondi-rd and 25 Penkivil st

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PUBLIC NOTICES.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
The TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on MONDAY, the 21st INSTANT, at 8 o'clock p.m., at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 750 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET.
Business: The consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and Balance-sheet; the declaration of a Dividend; the Election of Directors and Auditors; the consideration of any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.
Mr. James T. Tillock and Mr. J. W. Mortley retire from the Board by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and have each given the necessary notice. Mr. Joseph Lees is also a candidate, and has given the requisite notice. Messrs. Thomas and Henry Pratt retire as Auditors, but are eligible for re-election, and have given notice accordingly. There are no other candidates.
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PUBLIC MEETINGS at BEECROFT and CARLINGFORD.
FORMATION OF BRANCHES.
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J. J. COHEN, Esq., M.L.A.
F. E. WINCHCOMBE, Esq., M.L.A.
CARLINGFORD.—FRIDAY, 18th inst, at 8 p.m. Speakers—
D. CORMACK.
BOLES RAINFORD.
BENJAMIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.

LIBERAL AND REFORM ASSOCIATION.
HUNTER'S HILL.
FORMATION OF BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Town Hall, Hunter's Hill, on FRIDAY, 18th inst, at 8 p.m. Speakers—
SIR JAMES GRAHAM.
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BENJAMIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.

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PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

BY HON. B. R. WISE, K.C.

XII.

Those of your readers who have followed this series of articles will have noted with satisfaction that although my critics have complained that I have not presented all the facts of the case (which indeed would have been impossible in the space at my disposal), the accuracy of the facts and figures which I have presented has not been seriously questioned. Are they sufficient to warrant my conclusions? Let me briefly recapitulate. I claim to have shewn:—

1. That British exports of manufactured and partly manufactured goods to the United States and the protected countries of Europe show a great and continuous decline.
2. That, on the contrary, British exports of the same class of goods to British possessions have increased to such an extent as to mask in the totals the effect of foreign tariffs.

I have argued further that both these movements are increasing in strength, and that the future holds out no hope that we shall ever regain our old supremacy in foreign markets. England must look to the expansion of trade within the Empire to compensate her for the loss of trade with foreigners. I have shown further:—

3. That foreign competition is gaining ground even in British possessions, and
4. That the *tendency* of foreign to supplant British trade is particularly marked in Australia.

From these facts I draw the conclusion that if Great Britain is to maintain that commercial supremacy which lies at the root of her political supremacy, she must compensate herself for her exclusion from foreign markets by getting a firmer, and, if possible, an exclusive hold upon the markets of her British colonies. I have shown also:—

5. That an enormous impulse would be given to the development of Australian industries, and consequently to our growth as a nation, if Australia were permitted by preferential treatment to gain some of the great trade which foreigners now do with Great Britain in products of the Commonwealth, and
6. That the preferences granted by Canada when her position with regard to British trade was very similar to ours to-day not only arrested a continuous decline in British commerce, but gave it a considerable stimulus.

I argue, therefore, that both as a matter of self-interest and for patriotic reasons we should *do our best* to bring about a preferential trade relationship between the Commonwealth and Great Britain, and I have shown that we have the additional reason for doing this, since

7. New Zealand has forced our hand, and will, unless the Commonwealth take action, gain a preferential treatment in the market of South Africa, which will destroy the trade between that colony and the Commonwealth.

I have shown further that—

8. There is some reason to believe that the imposition of temporary duties upon certain classes of imports would give Great Britain something to deal with if she wants to make a deal, and something to fight with if she goes into fight. Retaliation may be the means of getting freer trade.

And, finally, I have asked a question to which no answer but one can be given except by a disloyalist—

9. Are we, as members of the British Empire, prepared to allow Germany to punish Canada for expressing her desire to trade with England rather than Germany?

And I have argued that the abstract teachings of political economy offer no guide to a reply. Germany's hostile legislation against Canada denies the very existence of the British Empire. Shall we value "free imports" more highly than "A Free Empire"?

THE REMEDY.

These are the basic facts of my arguments, and whatever pranks may be played with illustrative figures, they are facts which can neither be denied nor explained away. Once let their significance be grasped and the remedy becomes plain. These conclusions may be right or wrong, but they are conclusions rather of politics than of economics, and no candid person can deny that they can either be established or refuted by the same reasoning which was used during the freetrade controversy in Great Britain 50 years ago.

It has been a great satisfaction to me, and has lightened the burden of my labours in this cause, to find that as my arguments developed my adversaries made no attempt to argue in reply, but (and this is the strongest proof of the cogency of my reasoning) became and continue simply abusive and vicious. It is the same in all great controversies—first *the facts are denied*, then they are admitted and declared to be irrelevant, and finally the enemies of progress vow that they knew them all the time. It will be the same here, and preferential trade will come to the Empire as surely as federation came to Australia, while the same forces which opposed and blocked the union of these States will try in vain by the same methods to resist the commercial union of the British Empire.

THE METHOD.

It remains to say a word as to the method by which Australians should give preference to British goods in the markets of the Commonwealth. There are two proposals:

1. To grant a rebate of customs duties on all goods brought to Australia in British bottoms, irrespective of the country of their origin, and to grant an additional rebate if such goods should also be of British origin.
2. To put a surcharge on all goods carried to the Commonwealth in foreign bottoms, with an additional surcharge if these goods should be of foreign origin.

Freetraders will naturally prefer the former course, but the Constitution itself puts great difficulties in the way of its adoption. By the compact between the Commonwealth and the States, which is embodied in the clause of the Constitution known as the "Braddon blot," the Commonwealth is pledged to return to the States 15s out of every 20s raised by customs and excise duties. The object of this clause is to secure the financial equilibrium of the States, and to enable them to meet the obligations into which they have entered both with foreign creditors and with their own people. The result of the clause is that the Commonwealth must raise by indirect duties a revenue of at least nine million pounds a year, and this sum could not be seriously diminished unless either the Commonwealth imposed direct taxation, or the States themselves raised more revenue by internal taxes. Those who only contemplate the tariff from a New South Wales standpoint do not know how seriously the finances of the other States have been affected by the large reductions in their customs revenue through the operation of the Barton tariff. The following figures will show the increase or decrease per head in Customs duties in the various States during the last year of the State tariffs and the second year of the Commonwealth tariff.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTIONS PER INHABITANT.

State.	Year ended June 30, 1900	Year ended June 30, 1903.
New South Wales	£2 5 10	£2 0 6
Victoria	1 18 1	2 1 3
Queensland	3 6 5	2 9 0
South Australia	1 15 11	1 17 8
Western Australia	3 9 2	2 4 3
Tasmania	2 12 8	2 1 4
EXCESS OF 1903 OVER 1900 PER INHABITANT.		
New South Wales		£1 0 11
Victoria		0 1 5
*Queensland		0 10 10
*South Australia		0 0 5
Western Australia		1 1 5
*Tasmania (Included specific tariff.)		0 12 8

*Denotes decrease.

A most cursory perusal of this table will show that the result of the Commonwealth tariff has been to leave Queensland with a diminished revenue of over half a million a year; in fact, during the two years of the Commonwealth the reduction of duties affected by the Commonwealth tariff has left Queensland with a shortage of over a million pounds, a sum which to a State with a population of less than half a million is of very serious moment. The shortage in Tasmania has been 12s 8d per head, and, leaving out Western Australia, which still retains her own tariff, there has been a reduction by the Barton tariff of customs duties in every State excepting New South Wales. If the total revenue through customs and excise were to be diminished, the finances of all the States excepting New South Wales would be thrown into disastrous confusion. It follows, accordingly, that unless there is a great increase in the revenue collected under the present tariff there will be very little chance of giving a preference to Great Britain by means of a reduction in the duties on goods which come from the motherland unless people in the Commonwealth are at the same time prepared to increase the Commonwealth revenue by the imposition of a land and income tax. It would seem then that the only practical method of effecting a preference is to place a surcharge on foreign goods.

There is nothing in this contrary to the expectations of freetraders. Mr. Reid often pointed out that a high tariff was necessary as a consequence of federation, notably on February 21, 1899, when, as reported in "Hansard," he said:—

"We all know that whatever Government is in power, there must be a high customs tariff. I frankly admit that. If I stood up before the House and said anything else I should be simply sinning against my own knowledge. I admit it, and give it to everyone for what it is worth—that there must be a high customs tariff under federation, and that is one of the sacrifices that some of us are prepared to make for federation."

In support of this view the opponents of federation always insisted that the Commonwealth tariff would have to raise 22s 6d per head in New South Wales, and urged this as a reason why the electors should vote "No" at the referendum. As will be seen, the actual receipts from the tariff are 20s 11d, or 1s 7d less than the amount which was prognosticated. Nor is the tariff high in comparison to the tariffs of other countries.

Leaving out of account the duties on wines and spirits, which amount in some lines to over 100 per cent., the average ad valorem duties charged under the Commonwealth tariff on all lines has been estimated, even by the enemies of federation, at 20 per cent., and is probably somewhat less. Consequently, even if the surtax on foreign goods carried in foreign bottoms amounted to 20 per cent., and the surtax on the same goods if carried in British bottoms were put at 10 per cent., the total preference given to British goods in the strongest case would be only 20 per cent.

The Canadian tariff, which is far higher than the Commonwealth tariff, gives a preference of 33 1

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

FRUIT-GROWING IN THE DUBBO DISTRICT.

Here and there in the wheat and pastoral districts there are orchards and vineyards which appear to yield excellent returns to the owners. Only a man with a big heart will undertake to establish an orchard in the dry areas long distances from the Sydney market; but it would seem that once the trees are established the enterprising orchardist probably does better than his fellows of the pomologic craft in the county of Cumberland. Of course, it rarely pays to send fruit from Dubbo to Sydney. Ordinary stuff sent up when the market was full of ordinary fruits would return the Dubbo grower account sales showing a debit balance on the transaction. The local consumption inland is, however, considerable, and it is possible to sell a great deal of fruit of moderate quality, while at times Sydney offers an opening for that which happens to be scarce and good. The fruits grown in the hot inland districts are very full-flavoured; indeed, a Dubbo orange pulled from the tree is a much nicer fruit than one grows near the sea. A very good example of what can be done in the inland districts has been set by Mr. A. Wurfel, of Wanona orchard at Newtown, about a mile and a half from Dubbo. Mr. Wurfel, equipped with a large fund of enthusiasm and an unlimited supply of energy, began on a patch of sand 10 years ago. His other resources were his hands and his head, for he had no knowledge of the principles of fruit growing. Now he has eight acres of orchard, and his trees are of excellent form and in tip-top condition. Nearly the whole of the labour, including the clearing, has been done by Mr. Wurfel, who picked up his experience in that hardest and best of all schools, the educational establishment in which a student must learn or go to the wall. The owner of this patch has been able to afford the experts of the Agricultural Department some useful knowledge on the kinds of fruits which do best in the district, and has succeeded in mastering all the science of pruning, grafting, budding, treating old and young trees, and has turned his attention to storing citrus varieties on the premises. The sand has done remarkably well, but Mr. Wurfel assists his trees with manures, the value of which he has proved by experiments. The trees are reasonably free from pests, but even in this district the necessity for a compulsory diseases in fruit act is fervently felt. The masterly inactivity of successive Ministers for Agriculture in respect to this measure has embittered every progressive orchardist in the country. That careless, irresponsible people should be allowed to foster pests which overrun the orchards of those who endeavour to place fruit growing in the State in a leading position is regarded as shameful neglect of the interests of a large class of producers. Some day, it is hoped, a Government will arise and evince a little more interest in the material welfare of the people than in the noble art of preserving the balance of political parties. Mr. Wurfel and hundreds of other orchardists in the west are anxiously awaiting legislation; indeed, the apple industry about Orange has practically come to a standstill through the shuffling and procrastination of Ministers in the matter of a Fruit Diseases Act. A very striking example of the influence of certain pests on weak trees is seen at Mr. Wurfel's orchard. A strong hedge, grown as a breakwind round the orchard, affected a line of orange trees on one boundary. In these few trees the borer, which has been so prevalent in the coastal districts, made serious trouble for a time, but they were the only trees affected, the others being apparently able to resist the industrious tunneller. Peaches, apricots, plums, oranges, mandarins, and lemons all do remarkably well, and the trees bear heavily, more especially the Japanese plums. Mr. Wurfel finds that in oranges the Washington navels, Jaffa, St. Michael, late Valencia, Parramatta, and Siletta have paid best. In mandarins, Thorny, Emperor, and Beauty of Glen Retreat are good; and the Lisbon and Villa Franca are the best varieties of lemons. Among peaches, Solway, the latest variety, has done very well, and Mr. Wurfel for this district likes Briggs' May, Susquehanna, Elberta, and Red Italian. All the Japanese plums do well, but the Kelsey is the best. Mr. Wurfel supplied some of this plum to the Agricultural Department for export. Very few apples and pears are tried, the district being unsuited to these fruits. A little irrigation is used, the water coming from the town supply, but as a matter of course it has not been required this season. Very interesting is the experiment in keeping oranges and lemons. Mr. Wurfel dug out a cellar and covered it with the earth removed from the excavation, roofed with sheets of bark. In the cellar he stored lemons picked last June and oranges picked in August. The process is simple. The fruits must be cut from the stalk, and allowed to sweat for a few days. They are then placed on shelves, and the temperature ranges between 50 and 65 degrees. Sulphur is used to kill fungus growths, and that appears to be the only trouble taken, except to see that no bruised fruits are stored. The June lemons we tried were full of juice in their shrivelled skins, and the August oranges very sweet and juicy. These oranges, which were worth about 3s per case on the tree, are now selling at 15s per case, and Mr. Wurfel prefers to store them rather than allow them to hang on the trees.

IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN STOCK.

The regulation hitherto in force regarding the declaration which has to be made by the owner of stock prior to despatching the animals for the port of shipment has been cancelled. The following amended regulation has been adopted:—"The exporter of any sheep or cattle intended to be introduced into this State shall take the following steps: He shall cause such stock, if they be horses, to be subjected by a properly qualified veterinary surgeon to a Mallein test for glanders, and notwithstanding this test, such horses may be again tested with the Mallein test after their arrival here, but before their release from quarantine, if in the opinion of the Chief Inspector of Stock, such a test is deemed necessary; and if the stock be cattle to a tuberculin test for tuberculosis, immediately before they leave the place from which they start for the port of shipment, and shall obtain from such veterinary surgeon a certificate to the effect of form 11 as the result of such test and the freedom of the stock from infection."

JAPANESE MANURES.

Advices have been received that large cargoes of Japanese superphosphate are now being shipped to all Australian and New Zealand ports. The first shipment of 2000 tons of the fertiliser was to Adelaide in 1901. Last year the quantity distributed to Australian and New Zealand ports totalled over 13,000 tons, and freight for 17,000 tons has been arranged for the coming year. Mr. Arthur H. Hassell, of 2 Bridge-street, Sydney, controls the whole of the Osaka Ryuso Kaisha's (the largest factory in the East) export business to the Australian States and New Zealand.

THE MINEMBAH ESTATE.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

This afternoon Messrs. Edward Higgins, Parkinson, and Co., of Muswellbrook, in conjunction with Messrs. Baker, Sydenham, and Co., of Colac, Victoria, submitted a portion of Mr. Sylvester Browne's Minembah Estate, in the presence of a large attendance, including a number of Victorian farmers. The only bid was one of £3 per acre for lot 21, but no sale resulted. A couple of other blocks were submitted, but no bids being forthcoming the property was withdrawn from sale. It was announced that it could be dealt for privately.

THE CROPS AND SEASON.

CARGO.—Harvesting is being rapidly proceeded with. The yield has been considerably lessened owing to storms and caterpillars; still the farmers will be satisfied if they can strip and bag the remainder safely.

COROWA.—Stripping is being delayed by cool weather. Wheat is coming in freely. The bulk is being stored locally. Prices are 3s 11d for immediate delivery, 2s 9d for delivery by the end of the year, and 2s 6jd after that. Owners seem disposed to store in the hope that the market will rise. Stripping yields are up to 10 bags, the lowest going four bags. The average yield will reach close on five bags to the acre, which is one of the best in the district. Orchardists have large quantities of stone fruit on the market. Growers state that the fruit trees are returning the best yields for seven years. Vines are looking well.

MACLEAN.—The Harwood Sugar Mill expects to work till after Christmas. The crops are proving better than anticipated, and farmers will probably receive a maximum price of 12s per ton.

PARKES.—To give some idea of the loss to farmers by the recent storm, Mr. T. Lees had three strippers engaged on his crop at Bogangate, taking off on an average 200 bags per day. Since the storm the daily output by the strippers has been reduced to 54 bags.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

GRAFTON.—Horse stock are rather scarce on the Clarence owing to the numbers purchased for South Africa and India.

QUEANBEYAN.—Crows are said to be attacking the cherry crops in this district. A bush fire at Lanyon has destroyed five acres of standing crops. Every precaution against bush fires is being taken by the graziers and farmers of this district. Meetings are being convened throughout the district to organise brigades with which to cope with any outbreak.

COROWA.—The Bull Plain Estate, 20 miles from Corowa, comprising 22,400 acres, was submitted to auction in 42 blocks by Messrs. A. A. Piggin and Co. on Saturday. Out of 10 or 12 blocks offered only two were sold. Mr. D. Scrivener purchased 640 acres at £4 1s per acre; and Mr. Conway, 300 acres at £3 12s 6d per acre. Since the auction the bulk of the property has been sold privately at prices ranging from £3 10s to £4 per acre, and vendors expect to place the whole of the blocks by the end of the year. The prices realised show that the owners of Ringwood, which was offered to the Government for closer settlement at £3 15s per acre, were not asking too much, for with the terms which the Government will be able to offer there will be no difficulty in placing lands at an advance on this figure.

WAGGA.—At the last meeting of the Hume Pastures Protection Board a resolution was carried,—"That the chairman be instructed to appeal against the decision of the local land board in the surrender and exchange of certain lands within the Four Mile Creek holding." It was also resolved,—"That the Minister be written to asking that in all cases of the opening or closing of roads on any proposed surrender or exchange of any lands, or any proposed alteration of any stock route, or exchanges of any sort whatever, be referred to this board for report before such exchange takes place."

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

BOURKE.—100 fat bullocks, Owenyowen to Sydney, A.J.S. Bank; 21 horses, Timburra to Bourke, Australian Estate Mortgage Company; 86 horses, Ilfracombe to Bourke, R. R. Hopkins; 5360 ewes and lambs, Boorara (Q.) to Angledool, A. M. and F. Company; 6634 fat wethers, Cuttabri to Flemington, S. A. I. Company; 1020 ewes and wethers, Lower Lila to Flemington, A. L. and F. Company; 331 fat bullocks, Bullo Downs (Q.) to Sydney, S. Kidman; 2100 mixed sheep, Inkerman Downs to Lower Lila, A. L. and F. Company; 26 horses, Eton Vale (Q.) to Bourke, P. Cannon; 220 fat bullocks, Ardooh (Q.) to Sydney, S. Kidman.

GLEN INNES.—195 fat lambs, from Kulki Vineyard to Flemington, W. Wyndham, owner; 900 wethers, Yarrowick to Spring Hop, W. Baker; 50 wethers, Nundubbamore to Bundarra, Cook and Co.; 21 horses, Yarrow Creek to Chinchilla (Q.), A. S. Meuries; 12 horses, Ferndale to Farley, J. Fletcher; 52 fat cattle, Buccarumbi to Square Range, W. Weeding; 7 store bullocks, Pikedale (Q.) to Bourke, R. White; 12 bullocks, Bellata to Muswellbrook, E. White; 60 fat bullocks, Bolivia to Muswellbrook, E. White; 292 mixed cattle, Grafton to Narrabri, Messrs. Barker; 60 cows and calves, Glen Innes to Greenbank, J. Mitchell; 25 fat bullocks, Fraser's Creek to Liverpool, M. H. Gibbs.

GOONIWINDI.—1011 mixed cattle, Whetstone to Gowrmans Warialda, Capel Brothers owners.

WENTWORTH.—5000 sheep passed through from Mt. Melrose (S.A.), all maiden ewes, for Para station, the proprietors of which are endeavouring to stock up after the recent drought. This year sees for the past two years has carried only a handful of sheep. The proprietors bought about 5000 18 months ago, but had to sell again before reaching Para, owing to the impossibility of sustaining them during transit. This time there is good feed all over the route. They are purchased sind rams at Hoorna, the very best stock in the district. No expense is being spared to recoup the immense losses of past years from drought. So far there have not been any losses.

THE REFORM MANIFESTO

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS.

We were told by prominent men on both sides of the House of the present Parliament that when we joined the Federation, in consequence of the services that were to be transferred to the Commonwealth, it would not be necessary to have so many members in our State Parliament.

On the occasion of the last general election, over two years ago, no less than 97 of the successful candidates declared themselves in favour of reducing the number. There is no necessity to enter into details of the shameful manner the present Government has shirked the question—on the dictation of the party that has publicly declared that, whilst the Governments in other States run the Labour party, that party runs the Government in New South Wales—and it is perfectly plain to the electors that what the party of class legislation has said on this point is correct.

The position is that, inclusive of the Federal Parliaments, there are no less than seven Parliaments (14 Chambers) in the Commonwealth. There are about 750 members in all, of which number there are nearly 200 members in the State Parliament in New South Wales alone.

The necessity for economical government is amply proved by the serious decline in our credit on the London money market that has taken place during the life of the present Government. And why is it? Simply because we have been borrowing far and away beyond what our increase of population and of country settlement warrants us in doing.

Remember you have to pay the interest on the public debt, and the better our credit the lower the rate at which we can borrow, and, therefore, the less you have to pay.

The present Minister for Works has said that by enormous loan expenditure the Government has saved us from disaster, &c. Look at the present state of affairs, and you won't be led away by such nonsense.

The recent exposures with regard to the Fitzroy Dock, Prince Alfred Hospital, and the Redfern new railway station folly speak for themselves as to what is going on.

Why is there such widespread depression? Simply because with a careless disregard of consequences the private investor has been frightened out of his wits and forced to remove his capital to other countries where the investment of capital is not hounded down by the Parliament of the country.

In the last 22 years we have had to send out of this country nearly 40 millions of money for interest on our national debt.

Electors, wake up to the importance of stopping all borrowing except for absolutely reproductive works.

How can you do this? Everyone can and should help who has a vote.

1. Every wage-earner, because by economy in public expenditure he can help to maintain wages on a sure and safe basis, encourage increase of private employment, etc.

2 Every man on a salary, because without sound public financing he must expect outlets for his energy and skill to decrease, as well as his remuneration.

3. Every property owner, because by economy in public expenditure he can rely on this country as a field for safe investment.

4. Every woman, because by insisting on economy in public expenditure she can assist to put this country on a sound financial basis, without which no genuine and lasting prosperity can be attained.

5. Every Civil servant, because booming Government employment means drastic retrenchment and reduction without regard to merit sooner or later.

The People's Reform League speaks to all in their own interests to vote at the Referendum in such a way to really insist on

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS TO 90.

Why? Because this is the first step to attain

SOUND, SAFE, AND ECONOMICAL GOVERNMENT,

and without which we cannot expect to be a PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY COMMUNITY, but will be slaves to a section of our politicians who are pushing us into

DEBT, DISASTER, AND RUIN.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

A NEW INDUSTRY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Clyde Engineering Company and Messrs. Ritchie Brothers have joined forces with the object of establishing works in Western Australia to enable them to carry out an important contract for rolling stock for the Western Australian Government. The new industry will be known as The Westralia Ironworks, Limited. Mr. J. D. Ritchie is the first chairman of directors, and in the course of a fortnight or so will leave for the West, accompanied by Mr. Charles Hudson (son of Mr. Henry Hudson), who will assist him in the establishment of the works. The business relations of the firms named in this State will not be in any way affected by the arrangement referred to.

SPEECH DAYS.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE.

ADDRESS BY MR. G. H. KNIBBS.

WOMAN IN THE AUSTRALIAN FUTURE.

There was a large attendance at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon, yesterday afternoon, when the annual distribution of prizes took place. Those on the platform included the Right Rev. the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (Dr. Bruce), the Rev. J. Aspinall (Principal of Scots College), the Rev. J. MacInnes, the Rev. J. Scott-West, the Rev. T. Clouston, Count de Perrotin de la Rocca (Vice-Consul of France), Mr. G. H. Knibbs, F.R.A.S., and Colonel Goodlet. The hall was decorated, and the presence of the girl students and their friends made the spectacle bright and animated. An elaborate musical programme was given, added to which there were elocutionary items, the scholars in every instance acquitting themselves admirably. The song "Summer Rain" was given by Miss Gertrude Dunlop.

The principal (Dr. Marden), in making his annual report, said that during next year the council would spend between £2000 and £3000 to improve the accommodation and equipment of the college. He also referred to the success of the college's champion tennis team.

Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Education Commissioner, delivered the chief address. He said: I want to take the very few minutes allotted to me to say a word or two on the part that woman is to play in Australia's future. I need not tell you that every phase of the national life of Australia will simply reflect the habitual state of thought and feeling of its people. Australian achievement will be written on the page of history in characters that will be large or small according as we are magnanimous or paltry, able or inferior, forceful or weak. Now, as an Australian, I want to speak to Australians. You have all heard of the strenuous life. It is not the life of the devotee of sport, whose every spare thought is given to cricket, football, rowing, tennis, cycling, &c. That life will never write anything on the page of history worth reading, and so long as we Australians find that our most passionate interest lies in those things we shall be an insignificant people. Not that they are unimportant, but they are at present out of perspective in the picture of Australasian life. You know that Great Britain is lamenting the falling-off of her trade, and that many of her greatest public men have for years been warning her that her educational inferiority would be trumpeted to the world in national disaster. It is pointed out that the strenuous efforts of Americans and of other foreign competitors in education and in practical life must be necessarily followed by appropriate rewards. The cunning of diplomacy we know may do a great deal, but that it will outwit a people conspicuous for force of character, intellectual power, and physical energy I do not believe. There can be no doubt that the educational reform efforts of the North of England, of Wales, and of Scottish and Irish educationists are the proper solvents for England's trouble. It is our intrinsic merit, or demerit, that will win or lose the day for us. As Australians we may rest assured that our great Empire's destiny is inevitably our destiny, and we should cultivate the Empire spirit, as the feeling of solidarity that showed itself so splendidly in the South African War. One of the well-taught subjects of this college is history, and I know that many of the students of the Presbyterian Ladies' College have the historic sense sufficiently developed, and are so endowed with the splendid spirit of patriotism, as to feel that we Australians are in duty bound to play a worthy part in the destinies of the Empire. I submit that the fate of our Empire will not be determined by the artificial and instinctive methods of politicians, but by our moral purpose, sensitivity, intellectual power, scientific and technical skill as a nation. To-morrow will be exercised the first great act following on the political birth of women. You have in the future—for some of you the near future—to discharge a duty which must enter even your child-thought, viz., that of seriously reflecting over the political drift of our State and Commonwealth. Maintain your healthy love of play by all means, but remember that it is when you are not playing that you play your most important part in the world as in knowledge that we shall be great. I have noticed on looking about the college and at its equipment that the spirit of progress is in evidence, and I hear, too, that your well-esteemed lady superintendent is about to take a holiday, and will visit the centres of culture to the intensity of which we aspire. That will, I venture to say, be an important factor in your progress, and will greatly assist your devoted principal in his long-sustained effort to make Ladies' College of Croydon as near as may approximate to that ideal which is in his mind. Shall I tell you, however, why progress is difficult in Australia? It is because we are so much given to trivialities. There is an intensity of appreciation of education in America which has no counterpart in Australia, or for the matter in England. In July last over 35,000 teachers and educationists met in Boston at their own expense to discuss education. The organising committee printed in anticipation a 24,000 edition of its programme, and had to increase the number of tickets. That is the Empire spirit that we want to see on the march. When we have the spirit that prompts us to emulate the magnificent enthusiasm of the United States, and of the greater countries of Europe, when Britain and all parts of Greater Britain have an educational system that from its lowest to its highest planes is amongst the best in the world, then we shall be in a position to maintain the magnificent prestige which every patriot desires to see upheld. I do not hesitate to say that the future will materially help the future of Australia by your conduct and influence.

The Moderator said that the advancement referred to by Mr. Knibbs would only be achieved when it was thoroughly realised that God was their guide. He appealed to the girls to take into their future years the spirit that was now being inculcated in the days of their youth.

The prize list was as follows:—

Dux of college, gold medal (gift of Mr. J. S. Dunlop), Pearl Norman, dux of class upper IIA., silver medal (gift of Miss Jean Caldwell), E. Stokes; dux of upper IIB., silver medal (gift of Miss Beth Smith), R. Croston; dux of class IIB., silver medal (gift of Mrs. Norman), Vera Tart; dux of class upper IIB., silver medal (gift of Mr. H. Norman), W. Crane; dux of class IIB., silver medal (gift of the council), M. Fox; dux of class IB., E. Wise; dux of class V., G. Crane.

English, history, and geography.—Class I. (gift of Mr. H. Norman), H. Alexander; class upper IIA., M. Smyth; class upper IIB., E. Buckingham; class II., E. M'Keown; class upper III., M. Thomson; class III., M. Fox; class IV., E. Wise; class V., G. Crane.

French.—Class I., G. Paton; class upper II., C. Campbell; class II., N. Stokes; class upper IIB., W. Crane; class IIB., D. Marden; class IV., M. Nott; class V., G. Crane.

Dramatic.—Class II., H. Walker; class IIB., E. Mason; class upper IIB., A. Griffiths.

Latin.—Class I., G. Paxton; class upper II., E. Stokes; class II., G. Hope; class upper IIB., J. Dunn; class IIB., not awarded.

Mathematics.—Class I., H. Alexander; class upper II., M. Bowman.

Algebra.—Class II., V. Tart; class IIB., E. Mason, class upper IIB., G. Hope.

Euclid.—Class II., N. Stokes; class upper IIB., J. Dunn.

Arithmetic.—Class I., Pearl Norman; class upper IIA., M. Bowman; class upper IIB., M. Evans; class II., V. Tart; class upper III., W. Crane; class IIB., G. Gordon; class IV., R. Marden; class V. (O. Crane, 1902), E. Norman.

Science.—Class I., V. Agnew; class upper IIA, not awarded; class upper IIB., A. Ritchie; class II., not awarded; class upper III., H. Jeffries; class III., M. Laing.

Scripture.—Senior (silver medals, gifts of the principal), E. Buckingham, N. Olden, aeq.—Class III., M. Fox; class IV., E. Wise.

Harmony.—Class I., P. Norman; class upper II., R. Eaton; special prize in upper II., C. Campbell.

Music.—Special prize for theory and practice of playing, open to the whole school, gift of the council, M. Wallace; Mrs. Wallace's pupils, gift of Mrs. Wallace, (prize L., gold lyre) Pearl Norman, prize II., C. Campbell; special prizes, N. Stokes, M. Crane, G. Norman, M. Holbrook; Miss Wilson's pupils, gift of Miss Thompson, Mabel Evans; Miss Wilson's pupils, gifts of Miss Wilson, M. Smyth pianoforte, M. M'Intosh theory; Miss Usher's pupils, gift of Miss Usher, I. Davis; prize for violin, gift of Mr. Feldwick, junior, N. M'Donald.

Singing, gold locket, gift of Mr. Feldwick, N. M'Donald.

Miscellaneous.—Special prize for good work throughout year, M. Robinson; dictation, D. M'Robert; general information, L. M'Kinney; English literature, G. Hobart; special gift, Miss Dolamore Goodlet, senior G. Hobart, junior H. Jeffris; writing prize, open to all the school, V. Agnew; improvement in writing, gift of Mr. Bruce, J. Scott; prize for good conduct (by vote of students), M. Fox; prize for good conduct (by vote of the teachers), M. Ellis; prize for shorthand (gift of Mr. H. Randle Hancock), P. Norman; prize for drawing (gift of Mr. Bennett), M. Smyth; prize for painting (gifts of Mr. Bennett), M. Smyth, E. Stokes, aeq.; gymnastics gifts of Mr. Renshaw), gold medal for general proficiency K. Marden, silver medal for (a) clubs G. Gordon, (b) dumbells M. Bird; elocution (gift of Mr. Lawrence Campbell), V. Agnew; tennis prizes, racquets (a) champion N. M'Donald, (b) Marjorie Wallace (1902), (c) Fowler); prize for the faithful accomplishment of monitress duties, R. Eaton; prize for the Alliance Française, for a French recitation (children under 14), D. Lawson.

Certificates.—Senior University Examination: Pearl Norman. Matriculation (a) Honours: Grace Paxton, 1 class French, III class Latin; Pearl Norman, 1 class French; (b) Engineering pass, Pearl Norman; (c) Pass: Gertrude Dunlop, Marjorie Wallace. Junior University Examination.—Myril Bowman, Constance Campbell, Mary Smyth, Elsie Stokes, Ronda Andrew. Associate of Music, London (Pianoforte).—(a) Senior: Mabel Evans, Kathleen Marden, Constance Campbell, Vera Cameron. (b) Pianoforte (Junior): Connie Norman, Madge Crone. (c) Junior: harmony: Lily Clark. (d) Lower School Examination: Fanny Smith, Enid M'Donald, Eileen Mason. (e) Elementary Division, Irene Bradbury. Trinity College of Music (Theory).—(a) Senior: Pearl Norman, Constance Campbell, Viola Agnew. (b) Junior: Mabel Evans won the local medal in her division. Mabel Matthews, Nellie Stokes, Sadi Lukis, Marion Cowlishaw, Vine Tart, Molly M'Intosh, Una M'Master, Daisy Garling.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR.

HONOUR FOR NEWINGTON HEROES.

Exceptional interest was centred in speech day at Newington College yesterday owing to the fact that his Excellency the Governor Sir Harry Rawson had accepted an invitation to attend to unveil a tablet erected in honour of "old boys" who took part in the South African war. His Excellency on arrival at the Stanmore station was greeted by the principal of the college, Mr. C. J. Prescott, M.A., and escorted to his carriage. A guard of honour consisting of the college cadets was drawn up outside the station and saluted Sir Harry Rawson as he passed. Upon arrival at the college grounds, which were decorated with flags, a large body of students greeted the Governor with three hearty cheers. The school-hall was decorated with banners, flags, and emblems. Amongst those present were the Rev. Dr. G. Lane (President of the Methodist General Conference), the Rev. Beresford Bavin (President of the New South Wales Conference), Professor Harper (principal St. Andrew's College), the Revs. J. E. Carruthers, Dr. G. Brown, B. Danks, J. Woolnough, Dr. Lawes, P. Clipsham, J. Colwell, W. Scales, Dr. Sellors, Dr. Rossby, W. G. Taylor, W. H. Beale, E. J. Rodd, J. Middleton, Mr. Ivor, W. H. Beale, E. J. Rodd, J. Middleton, Mr. Ivor, W. H. Beale, E. J. Rodd, J. Middleton, Mr. Ivor, W. H. Beale, E. J. Rodd, J. Middleton, Mr. W. E. V. Robson, Dr. O'Reilly, and Mr. W. H. Fletcher, and a large number of old Newingtonians.

His Excellency, in presenting the prizes, at once touched a responsive chord in the hearts of the boys and evoked loud cheers by announcing that he had promised to attend the cricket match to see the Australians strive for victory, and would therefore have to leave the hall early. "At present," said his Excellency, "it seems anybody's game, with a good chance of the Australians winning." In presenting the Rawson Challenge Cup his Excellency said he was proud to be able to hand over the cup this year to Newington. He trusted they would win it next year, because if they did it would belong to the College. (Cheers.) He also congratulated the college upon its rifle shooting. The more of them who were able to shoot in the manner the boys were now doing the better it would be for the future of the Commonwealth. (Loud cheers.)

UNVEILING THE TABLET.

Mr. W. Horner Fletcher (President of the Old Boys' Union) then read an address to his Excellency. I stated the 4 the great majority of the 65 old boys whose names appeared on the tablet passed through the college cadet corps, which was founded nearly 40 years ago.

His Excellency said he had very great pleasure in unveiling the tablet. He trusted that the names would long be remembered in the college. They were sure to be remembered outside and in no place more than in England. They all knew that when the brave troops from the colonies volunteered to aid England in the struggle in South Africa it was at a very serious and critical period of the war. (Cheers). There was at the time a danger that European complications might set in. But the spirit that was shown all over the British Empire in helping the old mother country stifled what might have been very serious difficulties. (Loud cheers). He did not think that they could say anything better of any man than that he died while doing his duty. (Cheers).

The students then sang "Rule Britannia" followed by hearty cheers for his Excellency.

REPORT AND PRIZE LIST.

The report (read by the Rev. C. J. Prescott, M.A.) showed that the numbers in the school had been well maintained, the boarders being especially numerous. Provision had been made for any alteration needed in mathematics, and Greek had been commenced with young classes. Fifteen boys passed the Junior, Allen obtaining prox. account for the English medal. (Cheers.) Twenty-one boys, instructed by Dr. Lawes and examined by Dr. Sawkins, won Civil Ambulance certificates. Four boys passed the Senior, and one, Golledge, obtained first-class Matriculation honours in mathematics and French and second-class honours in Latin. He was the dux of the school and would be recommended to the council for the Scholefield scholarship. In sports the college held a good place. It won the fourth place for the schools' football premiership and the second for cricket. In shooting it held the twelfth place out of 54 schools throughout the Empire, and it won the schools' challenge shield and the Rawson Cup. (Cheers.)

The prize list was as follows:—

Form VI.—Dux, Golledge; classics, Dey I.; English, Golledge; French Dey I.

Upper V.—Dux, Holloway; classics, Allen; English, Allen; French, Holloway.

Upper IV.—Dux, Glasson; English, Boyer; history, Gale; geography, Rodd; science, Glasson; monthly examinations, Arnold; general proficiency, Mantell II., Taylor II.

Form IV.—Dux, M'Kern; classics, M'Kern; English, M'Kern; French, Hitzmann; history, O'Reilly; monthly Latin, M'Kern; science (physics and chemistry), Davies I.

Middle Modern.—Dux, Northcott; English, Northcott; history and geography, Jackson; neat books, Falkingham; monthly examinations, Beeson; bookkeeping, Beeson.

Form III.—Dux, Calvert; classics, Davies II.; English, Calvert; French Davies II.; history and geography, Calvert; monthly Latin, Davies II.

Modern.—Dux, Esdaile; English, Esdaile; history and geography, Barfield and Talbot, aeq.; neat books, Pye; monthly examinations, Esdaile; bookkeeping and shorthand Esdaile.

Form II.—Dux, White, II.; English, Brendson; French, Von Hagen; essays, Taylor III.; classics, Von Hagen; monthly Latin, Brendson; history and geography, Whiting; neat exercise books, Fellows.

Preparatory School.—Dux, Cocks; classics, Prescott; English, Cocks; history and geography, Cocks; French, Hoskins III.; neat exercise books, M'Donald I.; monthly Latin, Barraclough II.

Schofield Scholarship.—Golledge. Hardy Medal, best senior pass: Golledge. Senior exam. certificates: Golledge, Holloway, Dey, I., Golledge. Silver medal, best junior pass: Holloway. Mr. Jones's special prize for best junior pass on modern side: Boyer and Williams, aeq. Junior certificates: Alexander, Allen, Arnold, Binns, Boyer, Grant, Meek, Miller, Moreton, Vesper, Williams, Woodward, Hicks, Holloway.

The Rev. Beresford Bavin delivered an address congratulating the Rev. C. J. Prescott and the masters upon the work of the school. Upon the motion of Dr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. W. H. Fletcher, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded his Excellency.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The annual prize-giving of the Girls' High School took place yesterday morning at the school. Mr. F. Bridges (Acting Under-Secretary for Public Instruction) presided, and there was a large attendance.

The report of the head mistress (Miss Garvin) showed that six pupils had matriculated and gone to the University. In the junior University examination 21 girls had passed with an average of 81 per cent. subjects, 75 per cent. securing A's and 76 per cent. B's. Nine had also passed in matriculation subjects. Steady consistent work had been maintained. In artistic subjects Mr. Branch had succeeded Mr. Woodhouse, and introduced brush work and ambulance and free arm drawing into the curriculum. Reference of a eulogistic character was made to the teaching of Miss Bowmaker, who was about to leave the staff.

Mr. Bridges said that he was pleased to take part in the proceedings. He had been privileged for many years to examine the pupils of the school, and he could bear testimony to the high quality of the work done. Not only was this shown by the inspectors' reports, but also by the records of passes in the University examinations. He had also much pleasure in speaking of the excellent moral training the girls had received. He referred to the number of ex-pupils who had won distinction since leaving school, and instanced Miss Ethel Turner and Miss Evans, the latter having passed all her examinations for matriculation in the first class. He praised the work done by Miss Bowmaker, and wished her long life and happiness. The Minister had decided to build a new girls' school—(applause)—with all the most modern appliances when money was available. Mr. Bridges in conclusion gave some kindly advice to girls who were leaving school.

The prize-list was as follows:—

Head of school (gold medallist), Irene Frances Perry; special prize for general improvement, Edith Shortland; mathematics (special prize awarded by the board of governors of the Boys' High School), Irene Mildred Booth; special prize for improvement in Greek, Clarice Mitchell; special for English history, Doris Millicent Watterson; special for German, Laura Margaret Manning; special for general improvement, Edith Shortland; specials for drawing, Beatrice Atterton and Elsie Connelly, aeq.

Senior I.—Head of class: Irene Frances Perry, 1; Laura Margaret Mardin, 2.

Junior I.—Division I., Edith Shortland (silver medal), 1; Millicent Doris Watterson, 2.

Junior IIA.—Stella Ruby Christie, 1; Lilian Ethel Griffith, 2.

Junior IIB.—Doris Dorothea Barton, 1; Ethel Lynda Armstrong, 2.

IIA. Upper.—Doris Maud Williams, IIA, Lower.—Ethel Kidd, 1; Ida Ethel Thistleton, 2.

Latin.—Clarice Mitchell, senior 1; Gladys Eunice Badman, senior II.; Edith Shortland junior I., division 1; junior I., division II., Gladys Rosehy; junior IIA., Doris Pearl Bambrick and Mary de Putron, aeq.; junior IIB.; Millicent Doris Watterson, 1A. Upper; Elizabeth Mitchell, junior, IIA. Lower; Lilian Ethel Griffith, division I.; Olive Barnett, division II.

French.—Clarice Mitchell, senior 1.; Violet de Putron, senior II.; Edith Shortland, junior I., division 1; Irene Mildred Rose, junior I., division II.; Jessie Millicent Rose, 2A lower; Annie M'Donald, junior 2B; Beatrice Collins, 2A lower; Ethel Kidd, 2A lower.

Mathematics.—Irene Mildred Booth, 1; Laura Margaret Martin, 2, senior 1; Gladys E. Badman, senior 2. English.—Edith Shortland, junior I., division 1; Catherine (aeq.), junior I., division 1; Stella B. Christie, junior (aeq.), junior I., division 1; Stella B. Christie, junior IIA; Doris D. Barton, junior 2B; Doris M. Williams, 2A lower; Edith Kidd, 2A lower.

Drawing.—Beatrice Atterton and Elsie Connelley (aeq.), junior I., division1; Stella B. Christie, junior 2A; Gladys Robinson, junior 2B; Violet Elizabeth Short, 2A upper; Ida Ethel Thistleton, 2A lower.

Needlework.—Ethel Kidd, 1; Annie Duncan, 2; Dorothy Taylor and Daphne Love (aeq.), 3; Pearl Bembrick, 4.

The certificates won at the recent University examinations were then presented. At the conclusion of the prize-giving, cheers were given for Mr. Bridges.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, BALMAIN.

The annual Christmas entertainment and distribution of prizes in connection with the Christian Brothers' school, St. Augustine's, Balmain East, took place at the local Town Hall on Monday night. The hall was crowded. The Rev. Father M. Rohan, P.P., presided, and a report was read stating that the attendance at the school had increased to such an extent that the accommodation had been strained to its utmost. A musical programme, contributed by pupils of the school, assisted by ex-students and friends, was admirably rendered. The prizes were distributed by the chairman.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the Cardinal's Hall was crowded with the parents and friends of the students attending St. Mary's High School. The occasion was the annual Christmas entertainment and distribution of prizes.

Cardinal Moran presided and distributed the prizes, which included five medals won in connection with the University public examinations. After presenting the prizes Cardinal Moran addressed the gathering, and congratulated the Marist Brothers and the students upon the phenomenal success during the past year. It was an unparalleled thing to have a school, receiving no aid from the Government and with nothing but its own resources to fall back upon, bearing away the palm from the whole of the schools of the State. In the senior public examinations 16 students were sent up from the school, every one of whom passed, some with distinction, and the success was rendered the more remarkable by the fact that it was accompanied by no fewer than five medals. That was a singular success in public examinations. It was something for them to know their schools were flourishing, while many other institutions were complaining of their own friends passing criticisms upon them and saying they were 20 years behind the age. (Applause.) A spirit of emulation was encouraged by the brothers, and all the schools had an earnest desire to prove themselves equal to the task set them. The phenomenal success of St. Mary's High School at the senior examination was an object lesson in the art of modern teaching which could be emulated with advantage. (Cheers.) The total number of passes for the whole State was 81, of which the school secured nearly 20 per cent., and gained the distinction of having passed more students and gained more medals than any other school or college in the State.

A short programme of musical items was contributed by Messrs. B. V. Ryan, P. Hookey, Master Eric Dwyer, and the pupils. The principal prize-winners were:—

Senior University Passes and Gold Medals.—R. H. Arnott, F. A. Cleary, A. E. Dyer, W. V. Gattenhof, M. J. Hackett, T. E. Herrick, S. J. Hughes, F. P. Kelly, P. S. Marmalhon, R. S. Moore, A. J. Newton, C. W. Newton, F. H. O'Connor, R. B. Riley, J. G. Tier, and H. Vaughan.

Junior University Passes and Silver Medals.—W. Bagot, W. Bourke, F. Cullen, J. Doyle, A. Hahn, P. Gilooley, D. Maloney, E. M'Farlane, R. M'Kelvey, J. Tierney, and V. Tobin.

Matriculation.—E. G. Coghlan (who won the O'Connell Scholarship), H. Vaughan, J. S. Punch, W. V. Gattenhof, and E. F. Kelly.

Public Service Examinations.—State: R. G. Leecht, H. Cranney, J. M'Elhone, and J. L. Hughes. Commonwealth: J. M'Elhone and J. Hughes.

Addresses were delivered by Messrs. P. S. Quinn, M.L.A., and J. Birt.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

PROPOSED NEW BUILDING.

The breaking-up celebration in connection with the Boys' High School, Ultimo, took place yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance. An apology was received from the Governor for non-attendance. Mr. Bridges, Under-Secretary for Public Instruction, presided and presented the prizes.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND VERSUS AUSTRALIA.

HOME TEAM'S POSITION IMPROVED.

TRUMPER 119 NOT OUT.

BRILLIANT BATTING.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION

AGAINST THE UMPIRE.

The contest between England and Australia entered upon its fourth day yesterday, under fine weather conditions, though the breeze from the south-east blew rather cool for the season. When play closed on Monday evening the game stood Australia 285, England 377, Australia, second innings, none for 16. At 6 o'clock yesterday the home team had lost five wickets for 367. The attendance was about 10,000. The character of the cricket was attractive from noon until 6 o'clock, and the fact that the runs registered for the day were 351 is quite proof enough that the rate of scoring was pleasing to the crowd. The best innings of the day was played by Trumper, who, after feeling his way for a few overs—until he got to 27—opened on the bowling, and punished it unmercifully. At one portion of his innings he obtained 60 runs in 40 minutes, and all the time there was no risk whatever. Duff, Hill, Gregory, and Noble also batted soundly. The effect of the Australians' good batting yesterday is that they are now 75 runs to the good for the loss of five wickets, one batsman—Trumper—who is not out, is 119, and there are Armstrong, Hopkins, Laver, Howell, and Saunders. The contest is still very much in favour of the Englishmen, though the Australians have considerably improved their position.

A most unfortunate and regrettable incident occurred during the afternoon. Trumper was out on one of his hitting expeditions, and had punished Braund to such an extent that the excitement of the crowd reached its highest pitch. The five balls of one over had produced 16 runs, three boundary strokes and four for byes. The last ball was hit for four, all run, and there was an overthrow. Hill, in making the fourth, overran the crease to such an extent that he had to negotiate about 10 yards of dead ground, and he failed to make good the opposite crease. Amidst great excitement the appeal was made, and was given against the South Australian. Hill was confident that he was in. Umpire Crockett's verdict of "out" was received with "booshing" from all round the ground, and the demonstration was continued for some time. Warner walked to the pavilion as a protest to the proceedings of the crowd, and then Noble came out to fill the vacancy, and the two walked to the centre of the ground together. Evidently the Australian captain poured oil on troubled waters. Somehow or other barracking is expected to come from the crowd, but the members in the pavilion are supposed to know better. The behaviour of these people is to be regretted. To sportsmen the incident was a particularly sad one. The barracking was continued at various times during the remainder of the afternoon, though the members in the pavilion who had taken part in the demonstration saw what a serious insult it was to the visiting team which is captained by a man who is recognised the world over as a sportsman of the first water, and to the umpire. There is no intention here to say that Crockett's decision was good or bad. Umpires are absolutely necessary, they are not infallible, and perhaps a batsman who suffers today gains to-morrow. At the close of the day's play, and as he was returning to the pavilion he was again subjected to an adverse demonstration. Thinking that perhaps he might be interfered with, Crockett left the ground quietly by a back gate.

THE PLAY.

The attendance at the start was about 4000. Gregory, S. Kelly, 5, the overnight not outs, faced the bowling of Hirst and Arnold. After 20 minutes' play both batsmen were together at a dozen, and the score had mounted mainly by singles to 29, the first four coming at this stage from a late cut by Gregory off Arnold. At 33 Bosanquet bowled in place of Hirst, and at 36 Kelly played Arnold on to his wicket. *Kelly's contribution* was 13.

PARTNERSHIP OF 72.

Duff came next, and pulled the first ball he received to the boundary. Some amusement was caused by a stolen run. The ball was hit to Hayward, who in returning struck the wicket, and the ball rolling a few yards from Bosanquet, a second run was sneaked. Duff, with a very solid pull off Hirst, who had relieved Bosanquet—none for 9—brought up 50 the half century having occupied 61 minutes. Gregory, after allowing a lot of Hirst's leg deliveries to pass unnoticed, glanced one very prettily to the fence. Duff got into the twenties by hooking Arnold for three, and couple of balls later Gregory played one which dropped just in front of Braund in the slips. A similar stroke by Duff off Hirst caused Foster to be brought into the slips, which had hitherto been vacant to the fast left-hander. An off-drive to the boundary and a cut for a couple, both strokes off Arnold, advanced Gregory to 30. At 74, and when he was 23, Duff essayed to pull a short one from the Yorkshireman; the ball got up from the pitch, and the stroke went high to the square-leg umpire. Warner, at mid-on, made a gallant effort to get to the catch, without success, and two runs resulted. Duff made no mistake about the following ball, which pulled up at the fence in front of the ladies' pavilion. At 80 Bosanquet was commissioned to carry on the attack vice Arnold, whose one wicket had cost 30. The 50 for the partnership were put on in 35 minutes. Runs were now coming freely, and the crowd grew enthusiastic both with the strokes and the cleverness with which short runs were made. Nevertheless, Hirst was bowling in splendid form, as was shown by the fruitless efforts of both men to get him away in the slips.

SPECTATORS APPRECIATIVE.

The 100 went up in 1h 36m. and the appearance of the three figures was welcomed by Duff with a brilliant off-drive at Bosanquet's expense. The feeling of the crowd may be gauged by the fact that the batsmen were several times cheered for allowing Hirst's off-theory to pass unheeded. The fast bowler had now departed from his leg-theory, and was keeping a spot just outside the off stump. At 107 Braund toed the bowling crease in place of Bosanquet, and one run later Hirst (none for 69) returned in favour of his fellow county-man, and the latter change brought about a separation. For the second time in the match Gregory lost his wicket within five minutes of the adjournment. On the present occasion he was caught by Lilley and his contribution was a chanceless 43, for which he was in 1h 50m. Luncheon adjournment was now taken, the total being 168 for two wickets. Duff 42.

A BRIGHT PARTNERSHIP.

On resuming the attendance had increased to about 10,000. Hill accompanied Duff to the wickets, and opened his account with a single off Rhodes. It may be mentioned that for the second or third time in the tour Rhodes was secured his first wicket for nothing. A stroke to the on off Braund gave Duff his half century, the runs having been put on in 64 minutes. Hill got to double figures with seven singles and a three, the latter being a leg glance off Hirst. Several of the singles were hard enough strokes for four, but the extra three was in each case saved by men on the boundary to Braund's bowling. At 134 the latter—none for 75—made way for Arnold. As before lunch the crowd applauded when the batsmen declined to have anything to do with Hirst's off theory. The 150 was hoisted after 2h 20m. the over from Arnold in which the figures were "telegraphed" produced 11, seven to Hill, and four to Duff; one of the former's strokes was a "whip" to the fine leg boundary, and Duff's four was a solid hook to square leg. For the second time in the innings the partnership had yielded 50, the present instance occupying 40 minutes. The batting was full of confidence, and runs were coming along freely, so the English captain decided to shift Hirst, whose debit was 57, in favour of the other representative from the county of broad acres, Rhodes' first over was a maiden, the first since noon. At 166 a misunderstanding between the wickets almost resulted in the downfall of Duff, the occasion being an attempt to make a third run out of a stroke to Braund at square leg.

DUFF'S GALLANT EFFORT.

The only bowler who kept down the runs at all was Rhodes, who had maintained a most accurate length, his six overs for the innings being sent down at a cost of three runs and one wicket, and he almost had Duff caught by Relf at forward short leg, the ball dropping a yard in front of the fieldsman. At 185 Bosanquet (none for 44) made way for Relf. The first loose ball sent down by Rhodes was in his ninth over, and then not more than a couple resulted.

Duff was now in the eighties, Hill was 36, and the total 189. The run getting eased off at this point, the bowling being too good to take liberties with. Presently the Englishmen's lead was reduced to 101, and here Duff lost his wicket. He patted a ball from Rhodes softly to Relf at forward square leg, the exact spot where the same fieldsman almost secured him, and Rhodes had two wickets for nine.

Duff was in 2 hours 10 minutes for 84, and did not give a chance. During his tenure 155 runs were put on, and while he and Hill were together the chances of Australia making a good fight of it were rosy.

Trumper became associated with Hill. The bowling was now better than at any time during the innings, the only runs that came being singles. Hill was 1 hour 27 minutes for 40—a high compliment to the quality of the attack. Two hundred appeared on the scoreboard, the result of 2 hours 19 minutes. Hirst bowled instead of Rhodes(two for 17) at 206. The 4 o'clock adjournment occurred at 207, Hill 46, Trumper 7.

TRUMPER'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY.

Trumper gave an unusual exhibition of cricket. Spectators looked forward to particularly vigorous batting at the outset from him, but on the present occasion he was in for 22 minutes before reaching double figures. The next nine he got in one over from Hirst. The appearance of the 50 against Hill's name was welcomed with cheering; the runs had been obtained in 1h 55m. Trumper was now warming to his work. He beautifully off-drove Hirst to the boundary, and then late-cut Relf also for 4. At 232 Hirst (none for 69) retired in favour of Rhodes, and two runs later Braund displaced Relf, who had sent down 10 overs for 21. There was a good deal of humour in the change to the Somerset "over-leader," but it was quickly turned to something very serious. The first ball was cut by Trumper to the members' pavilion, the second was similarly dealt with, the third (a fast ball) went for four byes, the fourth was cut for four, and the last ball of the over was off driven and four were run. The ball was indifferently returned, and the fifth was attempted. Hill, however, in making his fourth run had overrun the crease by 10 or 15 yards, and this prevented him from making good the opposite wicket before Relf returned the ball to Lilley. Braund's over produced 26, 16 off the bat to Trumper and 4 byes. While the runs were being obtained the crowd was in ecstasies. The feeling which followed the downfall of Hill can easily be imagined.

Hill's batting was particularly solid, and he looked set for a big score. There was an absence of some of the dash which usually characterises his batting, but in the circumstances no one would cavil at that. It was a day for steady cricket, and that was what he supplied. The running between the wickets was exceptionally good.

NOBLE AND TRUMPER PUT ON 80.

Noble filled the vacancy. In Braund's next over the enthusiasm of the crowd was again aroused. The first four balls were despatched by Trumper to the boundary, the fifth, a fast one on the leg, was let alone, and the last of the over yielded a brace. This severe treatment of the slow bowler caused his retirement, and Arnold came on in his stead. Trumper wiped off the deficit by back-cutting Arnold for two, and the next for four. Trumper at this stage had scored his last 60 in 40 minutes. Noble brought the 300 on to the board by lifting Arnold to the fence at leg, and in Rhodes's next over Trumper advanced beyond Duff's score with a stroke that sent the ball at terrific pace to the boundary, near the northern terrace. Trumper's batting was the very height of perfection and grace, and he was now well on the road to his hundred. In one of Relf's overs he hit two fours and a brace and the three figures appeared amidst a scene of wild excitement. Although Noble was batting in very fine style, his efforts were overshadowed by those of his clubmate. He, however, lost his wicket at 334. He ran out to Bosanquet, missed, and Lilley did the rest. The Australian captain's contribution was 22.

TRUMPER AND ARMSTRONG PLAY OUT TIME.

Armstrong shaped somewhat uncertain at a couple of balls from Bosanquet, the second being luckily snicked through the slips for a couple. Rhodes came on at the northern end at 342, and presently the 350 appeared, the result of 4h 55m batting, the last 50 going up in 53 minutes. The last over of the day was bowled by Braund from the northern end. At 6 o'clock the scores were: Trumper 119, Armstrong 14, and the total 367 for five wickets. Rhodes bowled splendidly. The fielding became a shade loose at one stage, but was afterwards very good.

The following are the scores:—

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings

V. Trumper, c Foster, b Arnold	1
R. A. Duff, c Lilley, b Arnold	3
C. Hill, c Lilley, b Hirst	5
M. A. Noble, c Foster, b Arnold	133
W. W. Armstrong, b Bosanquet	48
A. J. Hopkins, b Hirst	39
W. P. Howell, c Relf, b Arnold	3
S. E. Gregory, b Bosanquet	23
F. Laver, lbw, b Rhodes	4
J. J. Kelly, c Braund, b Rhodes	10
J. V. Saunders, not out	11
No balls	3
Total	285

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-9, 3-12, 4-118, 5-200, 6-207, 7-250, 8-263, 9-266, 10-285.

Bowling Analysis: Hirst, 24 overs, 8 maidens, 47 runs, 2 wickets; Arnold, 22 overs, 7 maidens, 76 runs, 4 wickets; Braund, 26 overs, 9 maidens, 33 runs, 0 wickets; Bosanquet, 13 overs, 0 maidens, 55 runs, 2 wickets; Rhodes, 17.2 overs, 3 maidens, 41 runs, 2 wickets; Relf, 6 overs, 0 maidens, 27 runs, 0 wickets. Hirst bowled two no-balls and Relf 1 no-ball.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

F. F. Warner, c Kelly, b Laver	8
T. Hayward, b Howell	15
J. T. Tyldesley, b Noble	5
E. Arnold, c Laver, b Armstrong	27
R. E. Foster, c Noble, b Saunders	287
L. C. Braund, b Howell	102
G. H. Hirst, b Howell	0
B. J. T. Bosanquet, c Howell, b Noble	2
A. A. Lilley, c Hill, b Noble	4
A. E. Relf, c Armstrong, b Saunders	31
W. Rhodes, not out	40
Byes 6, leg-byes 7, wide 1, no-balls 2	16
Total	577

Fall of wickets.—1—0, 2—49, 3—73, 4—117, 5—209, 6—211, 7—318, 8—322, 9—467, 10—577.

Bowling Analysis.—Saunders, 36.2 overs, 8 maidens, 126 runs, 3 wickets; Laver, 37 overs, 15 maidens, 116 runs, 1 wicket; Howell, 37 overs, 7 maidens, 126 runs, 3 wickets; Noble, 34 overs, 8 maidens, 99 runs, 3 wickets; Armstrong, 23 overs, 3 maidens, 47 runs, 1 wicket; Hopkins, 11 overs, 1 maiden, 40 runs, 0 wickets; Trumper, 7 overs, 1 maiden, 15 runs, 0 wickets; S. E. Gregory, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 8 runs, 0 wickets.

Noble bowled two no-balls and one wide.

AUSTRALIA.—Second Innings.

J. J. Kelly, b Arnold	13
S. E. Gregory, c Lilley, b Rhodes	43
R. A. Duff, c Relf, b Rhodes	84
V. Trumper, not out	119
C. Hill, run out	53
M. A. Noble, st Lilley, b Bosanquet	22
W. W. Armstrong, not out	14
Byes 11, leg-byes 8, wide 1, no-ball 1	21
Total for five wickets	367

Fall of Wickets.—1—36, 2—108, 3—191, 4—254, 5—336.

Bowling.—Relf, none for 25; Braund, none for 48; Bosanquet, one for 70; Rhodes, two for 55; Arnold, one for 68; Hirst, none for 69.

THE "HERALD" SCORING BOARD.

A REPRESENTATIVE CROWD.

REMARKABLE ENTHUSIASM.

The enthusiasm of cricket was exemplified in a remarkable way by the crowd in front of the "Herald" scoring board during the afternoon. When the shattered fortunes of the Australians were being revived by Trumper and each run was being registered with stentorphonic promptitude, some eight or ten thousand people, occupying all the available space at the junction of O'Connell and Hunter streets and extending back a considerable distance along those thoroughfares, marked the progess of the match and each sensational development with the wildest demonstrations. The exuberance of office boys, who waved straw hats, the more phlegmatic applause of business people, the expostulations of carters, who can generally find time to dominate crowds from the eminence of their tailboards, the constant hubbub of the "critics," who, however, only give free vent to the emotional side of their sporting qualities when an exceptionally brilliant stroke is recorded—this combined to reproduce in the city as capital a representation of a cricket crowd as could be found on any oval.

Cricket reduces society to a common level. The ne'er-do-well and the "bloated capitalist" rub shoulders and exchange opinions if not confidences before the scoring board, whose silent figures are as impressive as the judgment of an oracle; and if the crowd is transferred from a grassy lawn to city streets the traditions of the game are maintained, and social conventionalities, one might say, go by the board. When Trumper reached his century the great surging crowd reared its approval, drowning the rumble of the lorries and cumbersome vans that now and again rolled along to upset the dignity of some of the cheering enthusiasts. Long after stumps were drawn several thousand people remained to analyse the results of the day's play.

THE WEATHER PROSPECTS.

"Fine, pleasant weather generally with cloud areas and a seaboard showerette or two" is the forecast for to-day. At midnight, however, the sky became overcast, and shortly before 1 o'clock this morning a smart shower passed over the city. It was still raining when we went to press.

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. QUEENSLAND.

The following Second Eleven has been picked to represent New South Wales in the match against Queensland, which will begin at the Sydney Cricket Ground on December 21:—Hickson, Pye, Carter, Gee, Foster, Black, Blaxland, Fisher, N. Deane, Diamond, Bowden, and Haddon.

SELECTION OF UMPIRES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association to-night a letter was received from the New South Wales Cricketing Association asking that an umpire be selected for them in the interstate match commencing on Boxing Day. It was resolved that the selection committee send a list of umpires from which the New South Wales Association could select one.

The United States has still one million one hundred thousand square miles of woodland, or about 37 per cent. of her total territory.

Madame Rosa Bonheur was 70 years old when she painted her best picture, "Horses Trampling out Wheat." She refused £12,000 for it.

A New View of Circular Quay is one of many good pictures in the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

AMONG THE CROWD.

CRICKET FROM "THE HILL."

THE HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION.

The hill critics had a field day at the Cricket Ground yesterday. They assembled in great force, and their voices were uplifted at intervals in anything but pleasing tones. Early in the day things went merrily as a wedding march. Gregory got back into popular favour by reason of his display of batting, and received encouraging applause.

The crowd thickened after the midday adjournment, and empty bottles rolled wonderingly down the slope, impelled by the feet of the spectators on the hill. Black bottles most of them were, and they smelt not of milk.

Duff and Hill were the batsmen, and both were playing pretty cricket.

"That's good business," ejaculated one man, as the field crossed over for the left and right handers. "Keep 'em movin', and they'll get rattled."

A young man from the country with a wondering look on his face gazed on the human ant-heap, and peered for a friendly figure.

"Hullo! lookin' fur cows?" ejaculated a joker from the jumble of forms. The country lad passed on amid a roar of laughter.

"Bosankwet's leg stuff's no good to Hill," remarked a man who had been following the flight the Englishman's bowling took for some time. "If 'e got that in club cricket 'e'd belt the cover off the ball."

A jack-tar sauntered in towards where a group of his comrades from the men-o'-war were seated, and obstructed the view. He was smoking a clay pipe.

"Now, you with the clay dab, sit down or walk home," commanded a voice of one from the place which, like "She," must be obeyed. Jack sat down.

"Saw me leg off," he remarked, "they don't give you much time here."

A tramguard, escaped from the eight-hours' servitude, was the next to offend by standing in the perspective.

"Take another trip, lad," was the call from the hill, and the guard passed on.

"Up guards and at 'im," yelled a Mildura bluejacket to a knot of guards on the edge of the hill.

The crowd liked to see Bosanquet bowl when Hill and Duff were batting well. *Hirst*, whose hands are generally safe, went down to stop a cannon ball from Hill's bat, and took it with his shin. The sound of leather on bone was audible on the hill, and there were several unsympathetic "Ooh's" belched forth.

Quite a number of people passed quickly before the hillside, but attracted no attention, because they did not stop. It remained for a jovial, red-faced, clean-shaven minister to outrage the feelings of the hill. He had an umbrella, too—a large one—and thereby obstructed more than he ever dreamed of. Oblivious of the feelings of the hillites he watched the match, and the roar behind him gathered in intensity.

"You wouldn't think the sun could burn him, by his face," said one man.

"He oughtn't to be afraid of the 'eat,'" said another, and then as small shower struck the umbrella. The cleric looked round, and discovered that he was not wanted. He moved on gracefully, and was applauded. The crowd is not a respecter of persons, but it forgives easily.

A tall, thin fellow who stood in the road was saluted as "prawn neck," and advised to move. He found it more pleasing to go than to stay.

"We won't miss yer," said a voice as he departed.

When Hill was declared to have been run out, the folk on the hillside rose as one man and challenged the umpire. They took their cue from those in line with the wicket, but whether even they were right is, as Kipling says, another story. They extended themselves in vociferous abuse and rebuke. They accused Crockett of breaking the decalogue and outraging the canons of true sport. They almost exhausted their vials of wrath upon him. Metaphorically they seized him by the neck and the heel and threw him into the air, and before he came down again they tossed him again. Whether he was right or wrong did not matter. They thought he was wrong. Some even went so far as to offer to take affidavits about it that Hill had "got home by a yard." The hostile demonstration did not die out. It lasted till the end of the day. The hill exhausted its ingenuity in devising means to wound the umpire with the Queen's English distorted into hardly recognisable forms. At last the onslaught resolved itself into a chorus, in which the first syllable of the umpire's name was used in an antiphonal chant set to a minor key and ending in a groan. The crowd under the la stand caught the tune and flung it back, and all the world wondered. Crockett was asked "which way he was going home." The players wondered. They knew the crowd could be generous to a foe. They had seen and heard unstinted applause given to Foster for his great innings, and each and every one of them had been heartily applauded for clever fielding. Even the clamour continued. It reached its anti-climax when one sentorian voice requested the umpire to "stand for the Senate."

This broke the sting in the crowd's tongue to a great extent, for the request was uttered with such subtle suggestiveness of frightful consequences, and withal had such a humorous waggle to it, that the hill laughed outright and earnestly, and the rest of the game was only disturbed by carpers and those who did not heed the general direction to "lie down."

The players seemed to be rattled while the demonstration went on. When the score reached 292, and it was evident that the arrears had been wiped out, hearty applause was manifested, and the batsmen were adjured to "buck in."

"Now you're on your Pat," said one. The remark meant that every run scored was so much for the Englishmen to wipe out, and much merriment prevailed.

Trumper seemed to be personally known to 99 out of every 100 on the hill. Nearly all appeared to have been Crown-street Public School boys, and knew "Victor." They called for cheers for Trumper and cheers for Hill, and groans for the umpire.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE MANIFESTO.

Dear Fellow Women—

You know that my desire for many years has been *to serve you and to help you*. If I could do so. To-day is not only the election day for the Commonwealth, it is also the referendum for the reduction or non-reduction of the members in the State Parliament. First, I would beg of you all to use the votes which you will have upon that day—one for the House of Representatives, three for the Senate, and then your vote or votes in the referendum.

Fellow women, you must feel with me that our votes are a great and sacred trust, and that our dominant thought in voting must be the welfare of our country and its people. Therefore, beware of party cries, beware of sectarianism. Rise above all this. Keep in your minds the welfare of Australia and all sections of the people of Australia. Hear all sides; so only will you be able to measure the relative value of party cries. Vote for men who, whatever their party, have patriotism and honesty—men who have in the past proved themselves in sympathy with the needs of women and children, or the weak and suffering. Such men as these will unite to work for good measures, because their minds will be actuated, not by the low motive of self-interest, but by the broad principle contained in the democratic ideal, "duty and self-sacrifice." Whether it is pleasant to you or agreeable to your friends, vote in accordance with your conscience; so only can you serve your country. There are those who declare "My country, right or wrong," "My party, right or wrong," but this is only the shortsightedness of those who ignore the greatest power on earth—the power of moral force. The conscience of the individual is the safeguard of the community. Therefore, fellow women, vote according to your individual conscience, and do not sink your great responsibility by allowing others to think for you. Your vote is your voice, and to find it you must consult your own mind and heart. No one can tell you what to do, for your responsibility is your own, and it is your individual voice that the nation needs. This is the democratic ideal. Let us live up to it, and we shall, even upon our first election day, have done something to elevate public opinion, something to purify our political life, something to exalt our nation.

Your faithful friend and servant,

ROSE SCOTT.

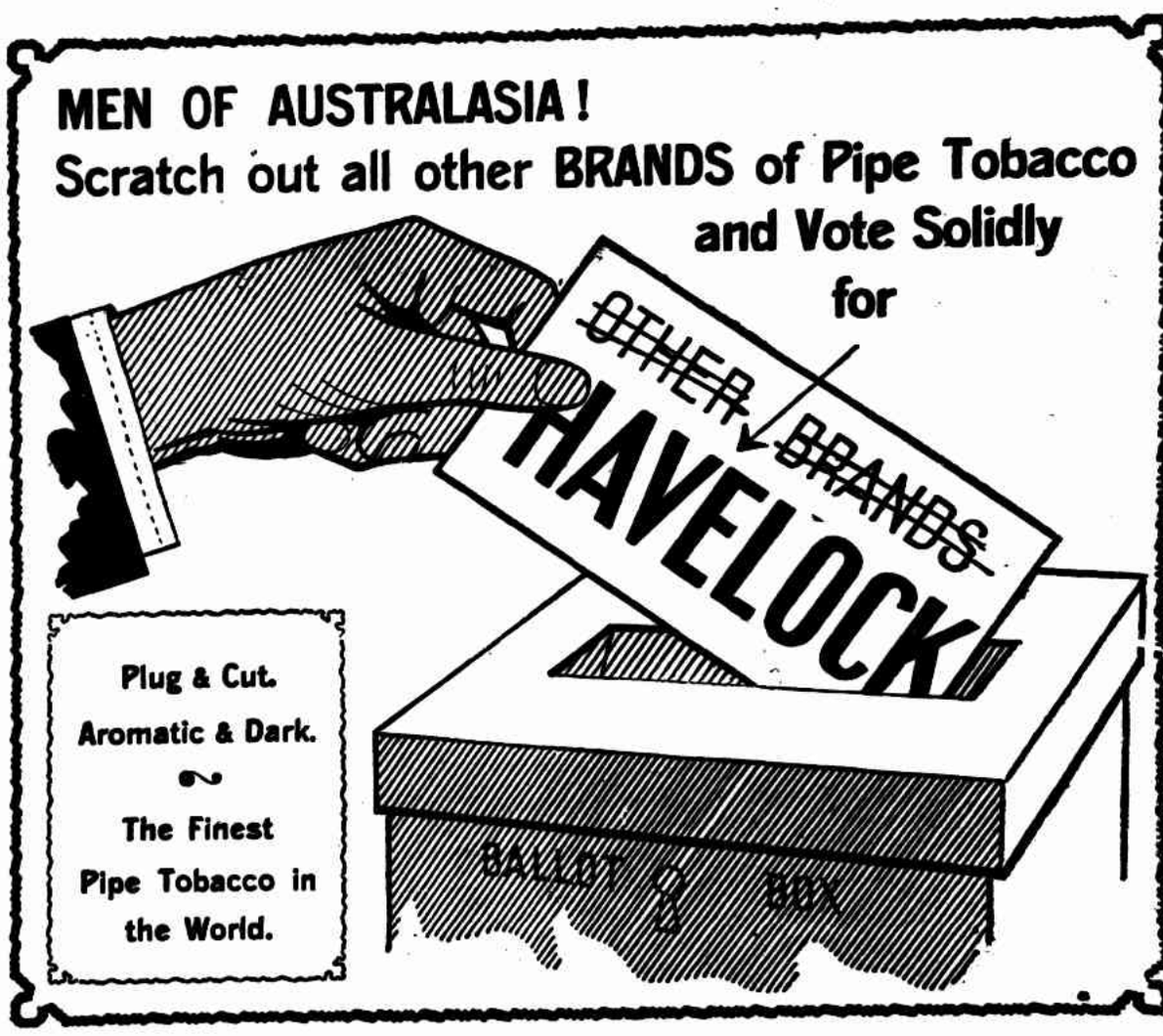
President, Women's Political Educational League.

REFORM.

MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

A special meeting of the council and delegates to the Liberal and Reform Association was held last evening, the Hon. J. H. Carruthers being in the chair. The following resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

"The Liberal party earnestly requests every elector to record a vote for the reduction of members to 90 as an earnest of a desire for the restoration of prudent and economic administration of State affairs."



AMUSEMENTS.

THE ADA CROSSLEY FAREWELL.

The Ada Crossley matinee was given by that singer and Mr. J. C. Williamson yesterday in the cause of charity, a fact which accentuated the regret that the Town Hall was not crowded. However, when the concurrent cricket match and the unusual number of highly-priced concerts given by the Australian contralto are considered, it will be recognised that the large audience of yesterday—an audience which would have filled the Queen's Hall, London, for example—formed a very great tribute to the artist's personal popularity and the charm of her vocal style. Miss Crossley was no generous in her efforts yesterday that her contributions formed of themselves a vocal recital of no mean dimensions. The star contralto sang Hatton's "The Enchantress" with fine feeling and for its dramatic significance and for its passages of flowing melody. Chaminade's "The Little Silver Ring" was the encore. Miss Crossley contributed in the second part Frances Allitsen's beautiful setting of Tennyson's verses of patience and bitter reproach, "Come Not When I Am Dead;" Nevin's pretty little coon song, "Mighty Like a Rose," which she consented to repeat; Tschaikowsky's "Nur wer die Sehnsucht," for girl with mournful voice, and Sir Alexander Mackenzie's "Bonnie Mary," an ensemble of modern piece, well placed as one of a series; and Willeby's sweet and poignant "Cuttin' Rushes," a rustic tale of a youthful love episode vividly recalled in old age. The encore number was Liddle's "Abide With Me," exquisitely rendered. Mr. Arthur Mason assisted at the organ in this sacred piece, and in "The Lost Chord." Then, as her farewell to Sydney, where she has always been so fondly remembered in vocalism, and so warmly welcomed in the present, the contralto sang "God Be With You" (Elmblad). Herr Edouard Scharff was the accompanist.

Thus closed Miss Ada Crossley's return season in Sydney, which the artists of her party, Mr. Percy Grainger, Mr. Jacques Jacobs, and Mr. W. A. Peterkin, have afforded her at all times a valuable support. These artists leave many friends and admirers behind them in all parts of the world. A few hours after the concert the Ada Crossley party left by the express for Melbourne in charge of Mr. G. M. Tallis, who has conducted the entire tour of Australasia for Mr. J. C. Williamson. These concerts in Melbourne and two in Gippsland will be given under his continued direction, after which he resumes management at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne. Miss Ada Crossley and party will subsequently give one farewell in Adelaide, and several concerts in Western Australia, ultimately sailing for South Africa from Albany by the Militiades on January 21.

Miss Ada Crossley, owing to this arrangement, has rashly cancelled all her English dates to the end of April. For some weeks yet the contralto will be in more or less close touch with her "home quarters," but she is gradually parting with her old friends, and this evening entertains two of her girlish chums of earlier years, Miss Aimee Moore and Miss Agnes Murphy, at a farewell dinner at Menzies' Hotel.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

This afternoon the final matinee of "A Country Girl" will be given at Her Majesty's Theatre, where the State Governor, Lady Rawson, and suite will attend the closing performance on Friday night. On Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoon and evening next, Mr. J. C. Williamson's comic opera season will terminate with revivals of "The Toreador."

On Monday evening there will be a special complimentary programme for Mr. George Lauri's benefit, the plan for which is now open at Paling's. Admirers of the popular comedian will see the last act of "A Country Girl" and an act of "The Toreador," and there will be supplementary numbers by Miss May Beatty and Mr. Edward Lauri from "A Chinese Honeymoon," and by Mr. Lempriere Pringle (Torreador's song from "Carmen").

Her Majesty's Theatre will reopen on Boxing Night with a production of "Monsieur Beaucaire," by Mr. Beerbohm Tree's new company. Miss Maud Jeffries and Mr. Julius Knight will reappear after a long absence. New costumes and beautiful scenery will mark this production, which will be directed by Mr. Clyde Meynell, one of Mr. Beerbohm Tree's managers.

Mr. J. C. Williamson's Christmas pantomime is being rehearsed under Mr. Henry Bracey's direction at Her Majesty's Theatre, but the production is to be at the Theatre Royal on Boxing Night. "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," or "Mother Goose and the Seven Champions of Christendom," is the full and comprehensive title of the new piece, in which many well-known artists will appear.

THEATRE ROYAL.

The first and only matinee of "Fra Diavolo" will take place at the Theatre Royal to-day, after which Mr. George Musgrove's company will give only three more performances of Auber's comic opera. On Saturday Mr. Lempriere Pringle, Mr. Edward Lauri, and the other English artists will make their farewell appearance, when the programme will consist of Bonnati's opera, "The Daughter of the Regiment," with Miss May Beattie in the name-part, followed by the beautiful and vivacious second act of "The Serenade." The plan is now open at Nicholson's for this farewell.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

Only seven more performances of "The World Against Her" can be given at the Lyceum Theatre, where the favourite emotional drama will in this way last until the Christmas season. Mr. William Anderson's Boxing Night production will be the new drama, "The Great World of London."

For Christmas Night Mr. William Anderson is arranging a sacred musical festival, in which a number of leading artists will appear. A special feature will be beautiful tableaux vivants, elaborately illustrating Biblical subjects, after the drawings of Gustave Doré.

CRITERION THEATRE.

At the Criterion Theatre Mr. Charles Holloway announces the last four nights of the sensational drama of Russian social life, "The Assassin," to allow of adequate preparation for his Boxing Night production, which will take the form of the new emotional drama, "Why Woman Sins."

TIVOLI THEATRE.

This afternoon and evening, at the Tivoli Theatre, Mr. Harry Rickards's new programme will include the Micro Bioscope of natural wonders in the unseen world. Miss Jenny Grey, Miss Maud Fanning, Mr. J. W. Winton, Mr. Ernest Fitts, the Swifts, and other favourite artists will appear.

On Saturday afternoon next at the Tivoli Theatre the Sun Circuses will make their first appearance in Sydney. They will conclude a successful season in Melbourne to-morrow night, arrive in Sydney Friday morning and give a private demonstration at the Tivoli Theatre Friday afternoon, to which several members of the detective force, guardians of the public peace, and the police will be invited. The Circuses defy all police, warders, locksmiths, or public performers to secure them with any regulation handcuffs or chains and locks in such a manner that they cannot escape. A special committee is taken from the audience at each performance.

MEL. B. SPURR AT QUEEN'S HALL.

On Boxing night, Mr. Mel. B. Spurr will make his debut at the Queen's Hall, where the famous entertainer's season will be conducted by Mr. Herbert Flemming. Mr. Spurr is an eminent monologuist, who has appeared upwards of 9000 times in the United Kingdom.

CRICKET GROUND CONTINENTAL.

The continental or open-air concert season will open next Monday night on the Sydney Cricket Ground, when the whole of the ground will be as light as day under powerful electric arc lights, and the stands and pavilions lined out with coloured incandescent lights. The Naval Brigade Band, under Bandmaster J. Devlin, will perform an up-to-date assortment of popular airs and stirring marches, and Mr. T. H. Ricketts will be entrusted with the vocal items. The programme will include the following singers:—Mr. Emil Sussmilch, baritone; Miss Kate Handcock, contralto; Miss Elsie Peerless, soprano; Miss Jessie Lee, ballads; Mr. Harry Williams, comic; Mr. Dudley Osborne, descriptive baritone. The arrangements are in the hands of Mr. T. D. Scott, secretary Summer Nights' Amusements, Ltd., who has also in preparation a fine programme for Christmas Night and Boxing Night. A special feature in next Monday night's programme will be a cinematographe display, which will consist of the latest Paris films.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL.

This evening the Sydney Liedertafel will give a concert at the Town Hall, at which the cantata "The Luck of Edenhall," a number of part songs, and "Great is Jehovah" will be rendered. Miss Elsie Dwyer, Miss Florence Taylor, Messrs. Ernest Mosar, Ernest Williams, Harold Hinton, and J. Edward Sykes will assist. The State Governor, Lady Rawson, and suite will be present at this concert, which Mr. Arundell Orchard will conduct.

MISS STELLA CHAPMAN'S RECITAL.

To-morrow evening Miss Stella Chapman will give an elocutionary entertainment at the Centenary Hall, when her list of pieces will be proclaimed (with A. W. Jawker's new music), the "Amateur Rider," the "Ballad of Lorraine," "Portia to Brutus," and humorous dialect pieces. The assisting artists will be Misses Nora Long, Elsa Lipscomb, Lilian Frost, and Messrs. Rivers Allpress, Reginald Goond, and A. W. Juncker. The plan is at Paling's.

MISS FANNY HOLDEN'S CONCERT.

Miss Fanny Holden will give her annual pupils' concert at *St. Matthias' Hall* this evening, when the leading artists will be Miss Nellie Holden and Mr. W. Grieves. Mr. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., will present the certificates.

MILITARY BAND "POPS."

On Saturday evening Messrs. L. De Groen and J. Edward Sykes will resume their series of Military Band popular concerts. The numbers which Mr. De Groen will conduct with the Viceregal Military Orchestra will include the "Zampa" overture, selections from "Faust," and, for the first time in Australia, Amona's new Indian "Intermezzo." In combination with the grand organ, Handel's "Largo," and the "Coronation March" from "Le Prophete" will be rendered. Miss Vinie Deloitte will sing "Roberto, tu che adoro," and other airs.

THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS.

On Monday evening next, at the Town Hall, the long-anticipated performance of Elgar's oratorio, "The Dream of Gerontius," will take place. Mr. J. A. Delany will conduct a carefully formed chorus of some 400 voices, supported by a large orchestra, so that the new music should be worthily interpreted. The soloists will be Miss Florence Gibson, Mr. A. R. Richards (Gerontius), and Mr. Reginald Goond. The plan is at Paling's.

MISS MAUD FITZ-STUBBS.

Last night Miss Maud Fitz-Stubbs was the recipient of a massive gold necklet and illuminated address from her admirers and pupils, prior to her departure for New Zealand to-day by the Zealandia. Miss Fitz-Stubbs is under engagement to Mr. J. C. Mulhon to appear in conjunction with Madame Slapoffski at a series of concerts in Auckland. Miss Fitz-Stubbs will be absent about a month.

ANNANDALE ORPHEUS CLUB.

Aldermen Allen Taylor, who recently returned from a visit to South Africa, entertained the members of the Annandale Orpheus Club at dinner at the Empire Hotel, Annandale, on Friday evening last. Among those invited were Mr. W. H. Wilks, M.P., Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., Alderman A. M'Elhone, the members of the Annandale Council, Mr. T. F. Thomason, Mr. R. M'Anderson, Dr. J. E. M'Ilroy, and Mr. W. J. Ferris. A musical programme, presided over by Mr. H. F. Shaw, added to the enjoyment of the evening.

WAVERLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Next Tuesday evening the Waverley Musical Society will give a performance of "The French Maid" at the Theatre Royal. A chorus and orchestra, numbering about 100 persons, and a paid ballet, with solo dance by Miss Gladys Boyd, will be features. Miss Lily Delany will appear as Suzette ("the French maid").

THE IDLERS' DRAMATIC CLUB.

At the Theatre Royal on Wednesday evening next the Idlers' Dramatic Club will produce W. S. Gilbert's eccentric comedy "Tom Cobb, or Fortune's Toy." The play will be preceded by J. M. Morton's favourite farce "A Regular Fix," with Mr. Wm. Holman as Hugh de Brass. "The Idlers" last appeared with success in June, when "Engaged" was produced, and it is hoped that the same good standard will be maintained. The plan at Elvy's is filling rapidly.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Mr. Laurence Campbell will recite Dickens' "Christmas Carol," at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Christmas Night. The great success made by the eminent elocutionist with this recitation in Sydney two years ago was repeated during his appearance last year at Melbourne, when the press criticisms were universally favourable. The plan for the Christmas Carol will open at Paling's on Saturday.

THE CYCLORAMA.

Notwithstanding the counter attractions of the test cricket match, the attendances at the Cyclorama have continued large, most of the interest being centred on the battlefield of Gettysburg. The many other shows of this centre of interest and amusement have contributed to most enjoyable entertainments.

Y.M.C.A. GLEE CLUB.

The members of the Sydney Y.M.C.A. Glee Club gave a Christmas entertainment to their friends, at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Monday night. The hall was well filled. The club possesses some tuneful voices, and the members have been most carefully trained by Mr. J. J. Virgo. The tonal balance in several of the unaccompanied glees was perfect, and the attention to the lights and shades of the compositions presented proved some effective musical contrasts. Messrs. J. J. Virgo, A. Graham, A. G. Thompson, and Mrs. Howat sang solos, and Messrs. W. E. W. Jones and M. Bower recited. Near the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. Pepper gave expression to the satisfaction felt by those present at the evidence of musical culture manifested amongst the young men of the association, to the careful training they had received, and to the vitality of the institution. Mrs. Biggs

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BIRTHS.

ELLIS.—December 11, at Annandale, the wife of Albert A. W. Ellis, chemist and dentist, Waleha—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEMBRICK—SMITHURST.—November 30, 1903, at Apia, Samoa, the Rev. M. Bembrick, Chairman of the Samoa District of the Methodist Church of Australasia, to Elsie Maud, daughter of Mr. Edward S. Smithurst, of Mosman.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

CRAWFORD—CROWTHER.—December 16, 1853, at Wesleyan Church, York-street, Sydney, by the Rev. John Eggleston, Leslie Crawford, late of New South Government Railways, and second son of John Drummond Crawford, master of first Public school in New South Wales, to Jemima, third daughter of Isaiah Crowther, Yorkshire, England. Present address: Narara, Greenhills, Croydon, N.S.W.

DEATHS.

BACKSTROM.—December 10, at his residence, Athena, 126 Palmer-street, Darlinghurst, Carl Backstrom, aged 65 years.

BUTLER.—December 15, at her parents' residence, 7 Hugh-street, Ashfield, Lavinia Margaret, dearly loved daughter of Edward and Constance Barter, aged 3 years.

CAMBOURN.—December 13, at her residence, Nowra, Martha, the beloved wife of James Cambourn. Interment at Cootamunn 1m, 3 o'clock, Thursday.

GORDON.—December 12, 1903, at Pucklechurch, Gloucestershire, England, Alexander Gordon, barrister-at-law, late of this city, aged 88 years.

MADDOCKS.—December 15, at Fiddens, Wharf-road, Lindfield, Sussex, relict of the late Joseph Maddocks, of Turramurra, aged 91 years, At rest.

NEWMAN.—(By cable.)—December 13, at Vancouver, Canada, William Newman, in his 66th year. (Late of Messrs. David Jones and Company).

SEELEY.—December 15, at Bowenleigh, Hopetoun-avenue, Chatswood, William Leonard Seeley, of Thames, Ditton, Surrey, England, and of Cooma, N.S.W., bank manager, aged 74.

SMITH.—December 15, 1903, at Parramatta District Hospital, George A. Smith, late of Prospect Inn, aged 56 years. R.I.P.

WATERHOUSE.—At his parents' residence, Garland-road, Naremburn, Willoughby, William Henry (Honey), aged 30 years and 6 months. Dearly loved son of Henry and Elizabeth Waterhouse.

IN MEMORIAM.

CROMIE.—In loving memory of Thomas Carlisle Cromie, who died at Mosman, December 16, 1902.

JOHNS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Richard William Johns, who died December 16, 1901, age 73. Inserted by his loving wife, Mary Ann Johns, Railway-street, West Kogarah.

JOHNS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father, Richard William Johns, who died December 16, 1901, age 73. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Samuel Reward.

JOHNS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father, Richard William Johns, who died December 16, 1901. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and F. A. Moir.

JOHNS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father, Richard William Johns, who died December 16, 1901. Inserted by his loving daughter and grandson, Elimbeth and Rupert Downing.

JOHNS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, Richard William Johns, who died at his residence, Kogarah, December 16, 1901, aged 73 years. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rebecca Johns.

JOHNS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear father, Richard William Johns, who died December 16, 1901. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and James M'Aleer.

JOHNS.—In loving memory of our dear father, Richard William Johns, of Railway-street, West Kogarah, who died December 16, 1901, aged 73 years and 10 months.

Somewhere, father, we shall find
Resting place for weary feet;
Tender hearts and faces kind.
Somewhere, father, we shall meet.

Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Louisa and Walter Moon, and granddaughter, Violet.

JOHNS.—In loving memory of our dear father, who departed this life December 16, 1901. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Rhoda Johns, and grandchildren. At rest.

KELLY.—In loving memory of our dear friend, Edward Kelly (Teddie), who departed this life December 16, 1902. May his faithful soul rest in peace. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cotter.

M'CORMACK.—Of your charity pray for the soul of Margaret J. M'Cormack, who departed this life on December 16, 1901, at Moorfields. Inserted by her loving and sorrowing husband and children. R.I.P. M. J. M'Cormack, late Carrington Stores, Petersham.

MURRAY.—Sacred to the memory of John, the loving husband of Lottie Murray, and eldest son of the late George Murray, of Buckingham-street, Sydney, who died December 16th, 1902, at 22 Grove-street, Petersham.

REILLY.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Eliza Campbell Reilly, who departed this life on the 15th December, 1902, at Orange. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving daughters and son, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, of Orange, Mrs. C. W. Hay, of Sydney, and Mr. G. Reilly, of Melbourne.

SIMMONS.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Michael Simmons, who departed this life December 16, 1904. The memory of the just is blessed. Inserted by his widow and children.

ULHERR.—In loving remembrance of my beloved husband, Carl Frederick Frank Ulherr, aged 37 years, who departed this life December 16, 1900; also his beloved daughter, Louisa, who died February 16, 1901. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, Louisa Ulherr. Home papers please copy.

YARNTON.—In sad but fond remembrance of my dear wife, Alice Breen, who departed this life December 16, 1902. Inserted by her husband, Charles E. Yarnton.

YARNTON.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, who departed this life December 16, 1902. Inserted by her son, Hubert.

YARNTON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear sister Alice, who died at Burwood on December 16, 1902. Inserted by her loving sisters, Flo, Gert., and Edie.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. CHARLES GORDON desires to return his heart felt THANKS to his many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, letters, etc., during his sad bereavement; also the nurses and Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital, Auburn, who so kindly attended his beloved wife.

Mr. WILLIAM BUTTON, of Milton Croydon-avenue, Enfield, tenders his very sincere THANKS to all friends for their kindness and sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

The SONS and DAUGHTERS and GRANDCHILDREN of the late Mrs. HENRY FLETCHER wish to return their most sincere THANKS to all kind friends for floral tributes in their late sad bereavement.

Mr. HARRY BOYD and SON and Mrs. E. DELANEY desire to express their sincere THANKS to their kind friends for telegrams, floral tributes, and letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1903.

TO-DAY'S OPPORTUNITY.

We talk proudly of democracy, but we are apt to forget that only once in three years does democracy make its power felt; through the long interval it is at the mercy of its nominees. Should they prove false or foolish we have to bear the loss and suffer the shame. Should we waste our strength there is no remedy for three years. But to-day our opportunity has come. Shall we use it right? For three years this State, the wealthiest and most populous of them all, has been the victim of a weak and foolish Ministry. The first chapter in the history of the Commonwealth was the falsifying of the Maitland speech, the history of our great betrayal. We were to be thrown bound hand and foot to the protectionists. Rome, we may remember, brought Carthage to her knees by building a solid wall across the harbour mouth. Had Mr. Deakin had his way Sydney would have been a modern instance of the Carthaginian fate. They did not altogether succeed. Mr. Reid beat down the iron wall of the tariff at many points. But we cannot afford to risk that conspiracy again. It is clear we need expect no mercy. The first effort of Mr. Deakin's party was to rob us of our freetrade; almost their last was to rob us of our franchise. By one of the blackest deeds in our political history a vote in the great metropolitan districts, the strongholds of democracy and freetrade, has been made worth not much more than half a vote in the country, in electorates where a Government majority was possible.

It is true that the Government has made many blunders that were worse than crimes. For administrative incompetence, and hopeless inability to use the machinery of their departments, they might well deserve dismissal at our hands. The wantonly vexatious administration of the Customs will not soon be forgotten; and by the final blundering over the electoral rolls many more disqualified electors have to be added to the victims of the conspiracy to give differential values to votes. But over and above that, the protectionist party moves and has its being in an atmosphere of deceit. The events justify the language. What honesty has been shown over the Federal capital? It is not that we should wait for ever for the material city if Mr. Deakin had his will. It is the insidious purpose for which Parliament is kept in Melbourne. There lies the treachery. In Melbourne Parliament is compassed about by those who eternally decree for us the fate of Carthage, and the whole strength of protectionists is brought to bear at short range. We may be pretty sure by now their fire will be deadly to New South Wales. We cannot afford to suffer the material loss; but surely we shall resent the deception still more deeply. It is useless to go over all the counts in the long indictment. Perhaps the meanest act of all is the unscrupulous attempt to drag the Empire through the mire of party politics. Of course, the false cry of fiscal peace has been exposed on all sides as the contemptible electioneering trick it really is. We all know preference is protection in a very thin disguise. In Victoria the appeal of Mr. Deakin is openly to the most protective of protectionists. Even here the mask has fallen off. Last night's hurried "demonstration" on behalf of loyalty, preference, and fiscal peace was convened by the National Protection Union! Nor need we dwell on the unprincipled misrepresentation that freetrade candidates have had to meet. Misrepresentation is merely the stock-in-trade of those bankrupt in argument.

We take it as beyond question that Mr. Deakin will have to answer for his misdeeds to-day. But we cannot lay too much stress upon the urgent need of united action. In Victoria they boast loudly that the old almost solid protectionist phalanx will be returned again. Perhaps they boast too soon! But it is certain that New South Wales can only rely on her own hand. The one course open to us is to use every vote and concentrate every vote on the chosen candidates of the freetrade party, which is also the national party, and the party of justice. Without offence we may ask freetraders, especially those who have not voted before, to clearly understand what they have to do. There are many pitfalls in the way to the polls. But a little care will avoid them. If anyone is in doubt as what to do he is quite free to take the marked specimen papers to the ballot-box with him. Do not neglect to vote for the senate and on the Referendum in cases where there is no contest for the House of Representatives. Next to the danger of not voting, or voting wrong, is the danger of throwing your vote away. It is absolutely certain you will throw it away if you allow yourself to vote for any but the Chosen Candidates. We can only go to the poll with any sense of security if every freetrader, which means every well-wisher to New South Wales, gives the straight-out party vote. Above all avoid the snare of sectarianism laid in Lang. There is not the slightest excuse for it, for the selected candidate meets all the special requirements of those who would split the votes. On the ground of self-interest alone those who have been wavering should throw their vote for the selected man of the freetrade party. Elsewhere there is not much danger of vote-splitting for the House of Representatives; but there is a big chance of losing in the Senate unless a solid vote for the chosen three is cast. Vote early, vote straight, vote true. Remember this is your only chance in three years to do a little on behalf of good government and in protection of your own interests.

THE REFERENDUM.

To-day's voting, memorable as its results will be to the Commonwealth on many grounds, has a double interest for New South Wales. This State is not only called upon to cast its vote in the Federal election in such a way as to vindicate its federalism, misrepresented by the action of Ministers, and to assert its State right. It has also to vote on an issue of the first importance in its own State politics, as distinguished from those of the federation. Both are important issues, but it is not inopportune to remind the electors of New South Wales that they must not allow the importance of the federal issue to overwhelm that which they are now called upon to decide by their referendum vote. Federal considerations must not shut out the issue in State politics which, for considerations of convenience, is to be decided also to-day. There is no reason, of course, why it should. The two issues are distinct; they are kept quite separate by the method of voting, and no intelligent elector should find the least difficulty in the matter. It should not be necessary to remind electors that the referendum, whatever faults it may have as a device whereby Ministers may elude their clear constitutional responsibility, has at least the merit of providing a means by which the people may anticipate the date of the State general election so far as this urgent question of reform is concerned. It is not necessary for them to wait until the House dissolves to pass censure on Ministers in regard to the question of the reduction in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly. They can do it at once, by the referendum vote they will cast to-day.

The facts which electors have to keep in mind in delivering this vote are very simple. In the first place they will not forget the Government's breach of faith in neglecting to fulfil the engagement on which it won its present tenure of office. They will not forget that the question of reform has been persistently evaded ever since the See Government came into office, until the action resulting in the Referendum Act was forced on it by public opinion and the verdicts of repeated by-elections. Nor will it escape the memory of electors and taxpayers that the minimum number of 80 members was excised from the bill as the result of a working compact between the Ministry and its masters of the Labour party. By these facts the electors to-day will be able to judge the good faith of Ministers in this matter, and we have no doubt that they will vote intelligently according to that judgment. They will remember that the numerical strength of our Parliament is out of all proportion to the population, to that of legislative bodies abroad, and to that of the other States of this federation. It will be quite fresh in their memories that when federation was advocated and the question of added cost was under discussion, arguments based on that possibility were met by promises of reduction in the cost of State Parliamentary representation. They will not need to be reminded that the required reform has not been made in the New South Wales Parliament yet, though other neighbouring States have reformed. Each voter will see for himself that the question is now remitted to his hands—under hampering conditions it is true, so far as Ministers and Labour members could impose them. But they will also see that by voting straight for 90, and for 90 only, they will best secure the result at which reformers aim.

WOMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

To-day will be memorable in the history of New South Wales as the day on which women were first called upon to vote. The occasion could hardly have been more important, whether as regards the Commonwealth or as regards the State. At the close of the first Federal Parliament the electors are called upon to pass judgment on those whom they elected to serve them three years ago and to decide whether or not the Deakin Government will be allowed to remain in office. Women electors, fortunately for themselves, are not responsible for the doings of New South Wales representatives or of the Government during the last Parliament. But they have their share in the responsibility that attaches to to-day's elections. It is, moreover, open to them either to condone or to condemn the actions of the Government in the past. Every woman who votes in favour of the Protectionist-Labour combination for the Senate, or in favour of any one member of this combination to the exclusion of one or other of the Freetrade Three—Messrs. Gray, Neild, and Pulsford—is voting in favour of the Deakin Government. That is to say, she is condoning emphatic and repeated breaches of faith; she is agreeing that the Deakin Government was right in making the cost of living heavy; she is expressing approval of the exclusion of Englishmen; she is applauding the Government's refusal to allow shipwrecked sailors to land; she says that Sir William Lyne was justified in disfranchising thousands of electors; she is in favour of breaking the compact about the Federal capital. In a word, she takes the sins of Mr. Deakin's Government on her shoulders, and is prepared to give it a longer lease of office and further opportunities of making Australia a laughing-stock and a by-word amongst the nations.

Every woman, on the other hand, who votes for the selected freetrade candidates is striking to the extent of her power at all that is bad in administration. Whatever others may do, and whatever the result she at least has done her duty. All persons now desire that the female franchise shall be justified, and that it may fulfil the high hopes entertained of it by its warmest advocates. It is to purify politics, and incidentally to abolish such practices as that of Sir William Lyne when he collected manufacturers in the Commonwealth office and commandeered money out of them to keep the tariff untouched. It is to be a powerful engine against the code of political morals which excuses in a Government what would be dishonourable and shameful in an individual—such as the breaking of solemn promises, the cynical disregard of pledges, the inhumanity which forbids Australians to save the lives of coloured fellow-creatures. Women of New South Wales have now an opportunity of making their influence for good felt by doing what they can to establish honest government. They can send to the Federal Parliament men who are pledged to this end, and who, unlike Mr. Deakin and his friends, may be trusted to keep their words. In many cases this wholehearted support of the cause of freedom may mean the sacrifice of private feelings. Women electors, just like men electors, may have an objection to this or that selected candidate, and may be tempted to indulge their personal taste in the matter. Loyalty to the cause compels the sacrifice, and the vote given to any other candidate, man or woman, is either thrown away or is a benefit to the Labour-Protectionist alliance. Safety lies in voting the party ticket—the selected freetrade candidates—and in that only. As to the referendum, women, who are the greatest of practical economists, will be in no difficulty. They will vote for the reduction to 90, as they would vote for a greater reduction still if Sir John See had given them the chance. The directions for voting are simple enough to the intelligent elector, and it only remains for the well-wishers of the State and the Commonwealth to trust that every woman who has a vote will exercise it in the cause of freedom and reform.

HOW TO VOTE.

Much if not all of the effect of the voting to-day will depend on the measure of knowledge on the part of the electors of how to vote. A few weeks ago the question was one as to how the vote-right was to be secured. That time has passed, and those who neglected counsel and omitted to take the proper precautions then are now too late to remedy their carelessness. But those whose vote-rights are secure must see to it that they are under no mistake as to the right way to exercise their franchise. Ignorance is always a disqualifying factor in an election. It is due usually to lack of organisation, and the party in politics which neglects or refuses to organise must face the penalty of its disorganisation or ignorance. But our electors in the bulk are not ignorant. The danger with them is carelessness or indifference. They will not take the trouble to familiarise themselves with the conditions of voting beforehand, and they either vote for the wrong candidates or cast informal votes. Neither result is creditable to their common sense, and both may be avoided by a little thought. A correspondent on Monday mentioned the possibility of voters making mistakes "by being flurried." He suggested that this is particularly likely to be the case with women, voting as they will for the first time. "I have known members of Parliament," he wrote, "aldermen, and well-known merchants to make many mistakes, especially in the last Federal election." His advice to all voters is to write down their intentions before leaving their homes. It means a little trouble and forethought, but if this simple advice is followed it may mean the recording of hundreds of votes in the direction the voter intends, which might otherwise be lost.

We have already given full and explicit directions as to how the vote-right is to be exercised, and those who have left consideration of this matter until this morning are not likely to be influenced much now. But there are certain salient features about the method of voting in this election which may be recalled. In the first place there are three votes to be cast, a circumstance which in itself renders this poll exceptional. There is first the choice of senators, then that of members of the House of Representatives, and then in this State the referendum vote. The different votes are distinguishable by their differently-coloured voting papers, so that there is no reason why any confusion should arise on this account, though our voters are best accustomed to voting on a single issue only. Then they need not be reminded that, while in old days they crossed out the names of those against whom they voted, in this Federal election as in the last they will place a cross against the names of those for whom they may decide to vote. There ought to be less danger of mistake here, since it raises a question of those candidates who are wanted, instead of one regarding those who are not. In the referendum vote the figure 1—not a cross—should be placed against the number 90. This raises the question of State rights which troubles some of our electors. They are not required in this Federal election. Enrolment is all that is necessary. As Mr. Reid counsels the voters in his brief note to the freetrade and liberal electors of New South Wales,—"No electoral rights needed. Simply go to the polling place and get your ballot-papers." A statement like that is calculated to encourage confidence in the mind of the timid elector. Then it is necessary to vote for not more than three candidates for the Senate, otherwise that vote is lost. The hours of polling must be attended to, and the right of voting by post is to be carefully used. We add these suggestions to those already given. But the principal counsel to voters is that they must exercise their vote, and not leave their right in abeyance in the belief that one vote more or less does not matter. In every election it is distinctly the units which count.

COUNTING THE REFERENDUM VOTES.

Very great dissatisfaction will be felt throughout the State to-day over the Government's decision not to count the referendum votes until every returning officer's parcel is received by the Chief Electoral Officer. It means that a beginning cannot be made until near the end of the year, and should any of the returns be delayed we may not know the result of the vote until well into the New Year. The Government has, no doubt, plausible reasons for the delay. An immediate count, with a telegraphing of totals, would involve heavy expense not only for returning officers' time but for messages. If a progressive count were made, and the present arrangements adhered to otherwise, it might be argued that the central returning officer and the scrutineers appointed by the Government would be kept on duty for a fortnight, and the result would be in doubt all the time. But the reply to that is that an immediate count of the votes cast within fifty miles of Sydney should not be difficult, and enough would be done in that way to practically settle the question to be decided by the referendum. The counting of the country returns could then be taken from day to day without any great strain upon the officers appointed. At any rate the delay arranged for by the Government cannot be defended in connection with the metropolitan vote, and no time should be wasted in giving the electors of the State an idea of totals as soon as the returns begin to come in. This, no doubt, would mean some sacrifice on the part of the officials concerned; but in view of the interest which is being taken the desires of the public should take precedence of the feelings of individuals.

To-day's Paper.—Polling day, with its call for a special appeal to the electors of New South Wales, has fastened upon our open pages, and the cablegrams and interstate telegrams have been relegated for the moment to page 10. The test match is reported on page 7. Yesterday was speech day at various schools, and accounts of the proceedings are given on page 6. Mr. Wise concludes his series of articles on "Preferential Trade" in our open columns, while election matter generally will be found on page 10. "On the Land" is full of good items again, and deserves the attention of our readers. Commercial and mining will be found in their usual place.

The "Sydney Mail."—The main feature of the current issue of the "Sydney Mail" is the variety of its illustrated contents. A place of importance is given to the test cricket match now in progress, and we are shown the aspect of the shilling enclosure and the members' stands on Saturday, Foster batting, and a group picture of the Australian team. Three Melbourne street views show the Victorian capital as it appears to-day, and a new view of Circular Quay appropriately accompanies them. Two scenes from the comedy of "Mons. Beaucaire," which is to be a Sydney Christmas attraction, are given, with new portraits of Mr. Julius Knight and Miss Maud Jeffries. The dedication of St. Clement's Church, Mosman, and incidentally the remarkable progress of that thriving suburb, are illustrated. Other subjects include the first meet of the Automobile Club of Australia in Centennial Park, the picnic to Mr. Mark Morton, M.L.A., a hare drive in the South, a remarkable picture of a sailing club steamer following a race, a Queensland surveyor's camp, milking shorthorns at Waverley Dairy, plain turkeys, etc. A study of a Richmond River aboriginal by the "Mail's" travelling photographer is particularly good. A full-page line drawing by Mr. Colton illustrates a poem, "The Debutante." The "Order of the Dragon," the unique distinction conferred on officers of the New South Wales naval contingent to China by their American comrades in the Peking affairs, is pictured, obverse and reverse of the handsome medal being shown. A sketch by "R. J. W." "Selecting the Christmas Pony," is illustrated by some very pretty photographs of miniature steeds. Portraits include the late Mr. Archibald Campbell, M.L.A., the late Mr. W. Brooke, and Mr. H. F. Scheps, winner of the Austral Wheel Race.

Cabinet Meeting.—The proceedings at a meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday afternoon were of an unimportant character, so far as they related to a consideration of administrative or political matters. This was due to the circumstance that several Ministers are absent in the country attending to various business matters. The principal subject under consideration was the death sentence passed by Mr. Justice Pring at the Central Criminal Court upon an aboriginal named Albert Barlow, who was found guilty of committing a serious offence upon a girl under 10 years of age. The crime was perpetrated by the condemned man at Taree. After a careful consideration of the evidence, and a report on the case from Mr. Justice Pring, it was decided to recommend his Excellency the Governor to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

Royal Assent to Bills.—His Excellency the Governor has appended the Royal Assent to the undermentioned measures, passed through Parliament during last session:—Sydney Harbour Trust Amending Act, Friendly Societies Further Amendment Act, Birds Protection Amendment Act, Commercial Causes Act, Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Asylum Act, Sydney Harbour Collieries (Limited) Act.

Return of the Premier.—Sir John See returned to Sydney yesterday, after a week's sojourn on the mountains at Wentworth Falls. It will be learned with pleasure by the many friends of the Premier that even a brief respite from attendance at the Chief Secretar's Office has greatly improved his health. Notwithstanding his absence from the city, however, the Premier has exercised control over his departmental duties, the multifarious communications received by the political head of the State being taken daily to Wentworth Falls, and there dealt with.

Visit of the Treasurer to Cowra.—The Treasurer, Mr. T. Waddell, left Sydney last evening for Cowra. It is his intention to spend several days in his electorate. He will attend several public functions, but does not intend to make any speeches of political significance. Mr. Waddell will probably return to Sydney on Saturday.

Military Order of the Dragon.—When the New South Wales Naval Contingent was stationed at Peking during the unsettled times following on the Boxer insurrection of 1900 the officers and men were closely associated with American troops in the policing of the Chinese capital. As an appreciation of the friendship which existed in this the first alliance of American and Australian forces, the officers of the Naval Contingent were paid the compliment of being admitted to the companionship of the military order of the Dragon. Some of the officers have just received their decoration, which consists of a handsome bronze medal, with the imperial five-clawed dragon embossed in gold on one side, and the name, &c., of the recipient engraved on the other. The clasp is original, representing the front of a pagoda roof, whilst the yellow ribbon is stamped with the Chinese imperial seal. Application will be made to the Minister for Defence for permission to wear the foreign order.

Naval News.—H.M.S. Archer, which has been replaced on the Australian station by H.M.S. Psyche, sailed from Albany yesterday en route from Sydney to Plymouth. H.M.S. Karrakatta, also homeward bound, took her departure yesterday from Townsville.

English Mails.—The mails by the R.M.S. Ophir, bearing the date of London, November 13, will reach Sydney in time for delivery at about 1.30 p.m. to-day. The R.M.S. Himalaya arrived at Fremantle early yesterday morning, and her mails, dated London November 20, should reach here in time for delivery early on Tuesday next.

Messrs. W. T. Wates and Co. send us an interesting booklet telling in letterpress and pictures the history of the "block corner" recently rebuilt by the firm for their well-known retail trade. The booklet is carefully compiled and well printed, and should be a valuable contribution to the history of the city.

Mr. Sowers, the first Federal member for New England, has given a handsome trophy for the most successful team at the forthcoming fire brigades' demonstration at Armidale. The trophy is a facsimile of a firehose nozzle with the exception that precious metal has been substituted for the brass of which the ordinary nozzle is made. The trophy was manufactured by Messrs. Llewellin and Co., art jewellers.

As advertised elsewhere Spohr's sublime oratorio "The Last Judgment" will be rendered in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon next at 4 o'clock by the full choir, with grand organ accompaniment.

We are requested to call attention to the advertisement in our columns inviting designs for the trophy to be given in connection with the test matches, England v Australia. Designs are to be sent to J. M. Christie, Stock Exchange Club, Melbourne, before the 28th instant.

A frequent service of trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day from Bent-street and the Railway Institute.

A number of the large drapery establishments notify in their advertisements appearing elsewhere that they will remain open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to-day.

All schools under the Department of Public Instruction will close for the Christmas vacation at noon on Friday.

HINTS TO VOTERS.

VOTING AT ANOTHER POLLING PLACE.

In order to, so to speak, qualify for exercising the rights of the absent voter, it is necessary that the elector shall be five miles away from his proper polling booth, or be detained on business or by illness. If he is five miles distant he may vote by post, or may go to another polling booth in his own electorate and record his vote. It is with this latter class that we will now deal. Suppose, for instance, he is enrolled to vote at Parramatta, in the Parramatta electorate, but is called away by business to Penrith, it is possible for him to vote at the last-named place. He will, however, have to apply to the assistant returning officer there for a form of declaration, which he must fill up and sign. If he satisfies the assistant returning officer, he will be given a voting paper, just as though he were at his own polling booth at Parramatta, will go into a compartment, mark the paper, fold it, and place it in the box. It will then be counted among the rest.

Following is the form of declaration to be signed by a voter before voting at any polling place other than the polling place for which he is enrolled:—

I declare that I am the person whose name appears as No. (here insert number on roll and name of elector) on the electoral roll for the electoral division of (the name of the division is to be inserted here), and that I have not voted either here or at any other polling place at this election, and I promise that if I am permitted to vote here I will not vote at this election at any other polling place.

The signature of the elector, his place of living, and occupation follow, and the declaration is attested by the presiding officer by the words "declared before me the —— day of ——, 190—." His signature is then appended.

HINTS TO LADY VOTERS.

As this is the first occasion on which lady electors will have the opportunity of exercising their franchise in New South Wales, a code of instructions has been drawn up by the electoral authorities in the Home Affairs Department and published. They are fairly complete, and the hints therein apply with equal force to gentlemen, inasmuch as if they are followed the voter can hardly go wrong. Briefly, they are:—

When voting for the House of Representatives you must vote for one candidate only.

When voting for the Senate you must vote for the full number of candidates to be elected, no more and no less. In New South Wales the number required is three, therefore if only two are voted for, or if four names have the cross placed opposite them, the vote will be informal.

When you enter the polling-booth give your name, occupation, and place of residence to the officer who demands them. He will examine the roll of electors, and having found your name, will hand you two voting papers, a white one for the Senate, and a pink one for the House of Representatives. Take the white paper, and place a cross in each of three squares opposite the names of the three candidates for whom you prefer to vote. In the pink paper place a cross in the square opposite the name of one candidate only.

ELECTORS' RIGHTS USELESS.

You do not need an elector's right for any part of the voting to-day. It is useless to you for the Senate, for the House of Representatives, or for the referendum. If you have one leave it at home. If the name of any man or woman is on the Federal roll—main or supplementary—he or she may vote. If it is not on the roll no number of electors' rights will entitle you to vote.

VOTE 90.

To defeat the unholy alliance between the Ministry and the Labour party be sure to vote 90. Whatever respect the Labour party could command is shattered by its refusal to vote 90—to vote for economy and to "trust the people." Labour combines with conservative capitalists to defeat the will of the people.

TO-DAY.

First Test Match, England v Australia, noon.
Kensington Races: First event 2.15 p.m.
C.S.U. Service, St. James' Church, 1.25 p.m.
The Sydney Liedertafel Concert, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "A Country Girl," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Fra Diavolo," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The World Against Her," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The Assassin," 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, etc.
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HOW TO VOTE.

The Freetrade League desires to draw the attention of voters to the list of candidates to whom its support is given, as shown by the annexed simple voting papers:—

Commonwealth of Australia.

BALLOT PAPER.

STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Election of Three Senators.

CANDIDATES.

BENTLEY, MARY ANN M.	
COLLINS, NATHANIEL T.	
CUNNEEN, JOHN TITUS	
DRAKE, FRANCIS H.	
FLETCHER, HENRY	
GRAY, JOHN PROCTOR	X
GRIFFITH, ARTHUR H.	
MARTEL, NELLIE A.	
MORONEY, JAMES O.	
NEILD, JOHN CASH	X
PULSFORD, EDWARD	X
THOMSON, ANDREW	

N.B.—Indicate your vote by making a cross in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom you vote. You must vote for the full number of candidates to be elected.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BARRIER.

CANDIDATES:—

DUNSTAN, JOHN	
THOMAS, JOSIAH	X

BLAND.

CANDIDATES:—

LONGMUIR, JOHN	X
WATSON, JOHN CHRISTIAN	

COWPER.

CANDIDATES:—

CLARKE, FRANCIS	
LEE, HENRY WILLIAM	X

DALLEY.

CANDIDATES:—

ANDERSON, SELINA E. A.	
BURNS, WILLIAM MOFFITT	
WILKS, WILLIAM HENRY	X

DARLING.

CANDIDATES:—

ACTON, DENIS BARRIE	X
SPENCE, WILLIAM GUTHRIE	

EAST SYDNEY.

CANDIDATES:—

PEEL, FRANCIS ROBERT	
REID, GEORGE HOUSTOUN	X
THROWER, THOMAS HENRY	

GWYDIR.

CANDIDATES:—

BARTON, ROBERT DARVALL	
ONSLOW, JAMES WILLIAM M.	X
WEBSTER, WILLIAM	

HUME.

CANDIDATES:—

LYNE, WILLIAM JOHN	
M'LEAN, FRANCIS EDWARD	X

LANG.

CANDIDATES:—

CULLAM, WILLIAM EDWARD	
JOHNSON, WILLIAM ELLIOTT	X
KEEGAN, THOMAS	
ROSEBY, THOMAS ERNEST	

MACQUARIE.

CANDIDATES:—

SANDFORD, WILLIAM	
SMITH, SYDNEY	X

NEWCASTLE.

CANDIDATES:—

BOWLES, RICHARD MORRISON	X
WATKINS, DAVID	

NEW ENGLAND.

CANDIDATES:—

LONSDALE, EDMUND	X
SAWERS, WILLIAM, B.SC.	

PARRAMATTA.

CANDIDATES:—

COOK, JOSEPH	X
STRACHAN, JOHN	

PARKES.

CANDIDATES:—

BEEBY, EDWARD AUGUSTINE	
DYER, CHARLES	
PARKES, VARNEY	
SLATYER, HAMPDEN	
SMITH, BRUCE	X

RICHMOND.

CANDIDATES:—

ATKINSON, REGINALD G. L.	X
EWING, THOMAS THOMSON	

RIVERINA.

CANDIDATES:—

BLACKWOOD, ROBT. OFFICER	X
CHANTER, JOHN MOORE	

ROBERTSON.

CANDIDATES:—

WALL, WILLIAM CHANDOS	
WILLIS, HENRY	X

SOUTH SYDNEY.

CANDIDATES:—

EDWARDS, GEO. BERTRAND	X
RILEY, EDWARD	

THE HUNTER.

CANDIDATES:—

LIDDELL, FRANK	X
RAE, ARTHUR	
WALLER, JAMES HARDRASS F.	

WENTWORTH.

CANDIDATES:—

DALLEY, JOHN BEDE	
KELLY, WILLIAM HENRY	X

WERRIWA.

CANDIDATES:—

BARRETT, ARTHUR CONNOR	
CONROY, ALFRED HUGH B.	X

WEST SYDNEY.

CANDIDATES:—

HUGHES, WILLIAM MORRIS	X
WARREN, WILLIAM EDWARD	

WHERE TO VOTE.

The following complete list of polling-places in the city and the metropolitan area will be of use to electors in ascertaining the location of the booth at which each is entitled to vote. The polling hours are between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.:—

EAST SYDNEY ELECTORATE.

Returning officer, Mr. Charles Lovely, 228 Castlereagh-street.

BELMORE.—Public School, Macquarie-street South and Goulburn street.
BLIGH.—Public School, Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst.
COOK.—Public School, Bourke-street, Surry Hills.
FITZROY.—Public School, Plunkett-street, Woolloomooloo.
FLINDERS.—Public School, Crown-street, Surry Hills.
KING.—Public School, Castlereagh-street, near Market-street.

WEST SYDNEY ELECTORATE.

Returning Officer, Dr. Gwynne-Hughes, 136 Abercrombie-street, Redfern.

BLACKWATTLE.—Massey-Harris Warehouse, Broadway, Glebe.
DENISON.—Technical College, Mary Ann-street, Ultimo
GIPPS.—Public School, Fort-street.
LANG.—Town Hall, Sydney.
PHILLIP.—Public School, Cleveland and Castlereagh streets.
PYRMONT.—Public School, John-street, Pyrmont.

SOUTH SYDNEY ELECTORATE.

Returning Officer, Mr. P. Gornall, 151 Redfern-street, Redfern.

ALEXANDRIA.—Mitchell-road Public School.
BANKS MEADOW.—On the Premises of Mr. Wicks, Boatbuilder, opposite the Pier.
BOOKALEE.—Public School, Botany-road, near Bay-street.
DARLINGTON.—Booth, Abercrombie-street, near Shepherd-street.
ERSKINEVILLE.—Public School, Erskineville-road.
MACDONALDTOWN.—Oddfellows' Hall, Wilson street.
NEWTOWN-CAMDEN.—St. George's Hall, Newtown.
NORTH BOTANY.—Public School, Gardener's-road.
REDFERN.—Booth, Redfern Park.
WATERLOO.—Booth, Raglan-street, near Pitt-street, Waterloo.
ZETLAND.—Booth, Tram Terminus, Botany-road, Waterloo.

WENTWORTH ELECTORATE.

Returning officer, Mr. Alfred Gale, Town Hall, Paddington.

BISHOPSCOURT.—Public School, Little Coogee.
BONDI.—Public School, Wellington-street, Bondi.
BRONTE.—Shop, Leichhardt-street, Waverley.
CASCADE.—Church of Christ, Paddington-street, Paddington.
COOGEE.—Shop, Belmore-road, Coogee, near tram terminus.
CRANBROOK.—Mission Hall, Cross-street, Double Bay.
EDGECLIFF.—Congregational School Hall, Queen-street, Woollahra.
GLENMORE.—St. George's Hall, Glenmore-road, Paddington.
GREEN OAKS.—St. Mark's Hall, New South Head-road, Darling Point.
KENSINGTON.—Public School.
LONG BAY.—Cottage, corner Bunnerong-road and Long Bay-road.
*MOORE PARK.—Paddington Town Hall.
KANDWICK-AVOCA.—Town Hall, Avoca-street, Randwick.
VAUCLUSE.—Council-chambers, Watson's Bay.
WAVERLEY JUNCTION.—Waverley Hall, Ebley-street, Waverley.
*Principal Polling-place.

LANG ELECTORATE.

Returning Officer, Mr. James Charles Less, Post-office, Newtown.

ADDISON.—Victoria Hall, Victoria-road, Marrickville.
ARNCLIFFE.—Public School, Arncliffe.
BEXLEY.—Council-chambers.
CAMPERDOWN.—Town Hall, Camperdown.
CARLTON.—Grant's Hall, Carlton.
COMO (SUTHERLAND).—Public School, Sutherland.
DULWICH HILL.—Public School, Dulwich Hill.
ENMORE.—Public School, Enmore.
HURSTVILLE.—Brown's Hall, Hurstville.
KINGSGROVE.—Public School, Moorefield.
KOGARAH.—School of Arts, Kogarah.
LIVINGSTONE-ROAD.—O'Neill's-building, Livingstone-road.
MARRICKVILLE.—Excelsior Hall, Marrickville.
MIRANDA.—Public School, Miranda.
*NEWTOWN—KINGSTON.—Courthouse, Newtown.
OATLEY (MORTDALE).—Public School, Mortdale.
ROCKDALE.—Town Hall, Rockdale.
TEMPE.—Town Hall, St. Peters.
THE WARREN.—La Hogue Hall, Warren.

DALLEY ELECTORATE.

Returning officer, Mr. J. M. M'Neely, Post-office, Rozelle.

BALMAIN NORTH.—Oddfellows' Hall, Darling and Jane streets.
WHITE HORSE (BALMAIN).—Balmain Court-house, Darling-street.
ROZELLE (BALMAIN SOUTH).—St. Thomas' School, Hall, Darling-road and Weston-road.
LONG CAVE (LEICHHARDT).—West Leichhardt Superior Public School, Balmain-road and Wharf-road.
LEICHHARDT.—Leichhardt Superior Public School, corner Norton and Marion streets, opposite Town Hall.
ANNANDALE.—Lappan's Colonnade Hall, Johnston-street.
FOREST LODGE.—Ross-street Superior Public School.
TOXTETH (GLEBE POINT).—Hutchinson's Memorial Hall, Toxteth-street.

NORTH SYDNEY ELECTORATE.

Returning officer, Mr. George A. Reed, Post Office, North Sydney.

BEECROFT.—Stobo's Store.
BEROWRA.—Richards' Store.
BROOKLYN.—Murphy's Store.
BROOKVALE.—Public School.
CARLINGFORD.—Marshall's Store.
COORANBONG.—Courthouse.
CHATSWOOD.—Town Hall
CROW'S NEST.—Public School.
DUNDAS.—Town Hall.
EPPING.—Walker's Hall.
GLADESVILLE.—Temperance Hall.
GORDON.—Auld's Rooms.
GOSFORD.—School of Arts.
GREENWICH.—Post Office.
HORNSBY.—Public School.
HUNTER'S HILL.—Town Hall.
JILLIBY JILLIBY.—School of Arts.
KINCUMBER.—George Frost's House.
LINDFIELD.—Public School.
LONGUEVILLE.—Council-chambers.
LOWER MANGROVE.—J. Craft's House.
MANGROVE CREEK.—Mat. Pemberton's house.
MANLY.—Public School.
MARSFIELD.—Council-chambers.
MILSON'S POINT.—Railway station.
MOSMAN.—Hall at wharf.
NARRABEEN.—Post-office.
NEUTRAL BAY.—Waterslegh Hall.
OURIMBAH.—Public School.
PITTWATER.—Bayview Post-office.
POINT ERINA.—Aldrich's house.
PYMBLE.—Sullivan's Rooms.
ROGAN'S HILL.—Bayley's Store.
RYDALMERE.—Council-chambers.
RYDE.—Town Hall.
SPIT ROAD.—Town Hall, Mosman.
THORNLEIGH.—School of Arts.
TURRAMURRA.—Nurse Boylan's cottage.
WAHROONGA.—Spragg's Store.
WILLOUGHBY.—Public School.
WARRIEWAL.—Womberal Hall.
WOOLWICH.—Edward's Room.
WOY WOY.—M. West's Room.
WURRUMBIRRI.—Masonic Hall, North Sydney.
WYEE.—Wyee Hall.
WYONG.—School of Arts.
YARRAMALONG.—Water's Hall.

PARKES ELECTORATE.

Returning officer, Dr. Furnival, Park-road, Auburn.

AUBURN.—Public School.
AUBURN DOWNS.—Public School.
ASHFIELD.—Ashfield Hall, Liverpool-road.
BURWOOD.—Public School, Conder-street.
BANKSTOWN.—Public School.
BEACONSFIELD.—Public School.
CONCORD.—Public School.
CROYDON.—Congregational School-hall, Edwin-street.
DARLINGHURST.—St. David's Hall.
DRUMMOYNE.—Public School.
ENFIELD.—Council-chambers, Liverpool-road.
HOMEBUSH.—Public School.
FIVE DOCK.—Old Council-chambers.
HARCOURT.—Public School, Canterbury.
GRANVILLE.—School of Arts and Goughtown Public School.
LEWISHAM.—West-street Public School.
NEWINGTON.—Newington Benevolent Asylum.
PETERSHAM.—Crystal-street Public School.
ROOKWOOD.—Public School.
ROOKWOOD MODEL FARM.—Asylum.
STRATHFIELD.—Homebush Public School.
SUMMER HILL.—Hall, Carlton Crescent.
STANMORE.—Public School.

PARRAMATTA ELECTORATE.

Returning Officer, Mr. J. B. Johnston, Court-house, Parramatta.

AGNES BANKS.—Public School.
ARCADIA.—Public School.
BAULKHAM HILLS.—Pear's Cottage.
BLACKHEATH.—Public School.
BLACKTOWN.—Public School.
BRINGELLY NORTH.—Public School.
BULL RIDGE.—Post-office.
CABRAMATTA.—Public School.
CANLEY VALE.—Public School.
CASTLE HILL.—Public School.
CASTLEREAGH.—Public School
CENTRAL COLO.—Public School.
COMLEROY-ROAD.—Public School.
DURAL.—Public School.
EMU PLAINS.—Public School.
EXETER FARMS.—Mrs. Langworthy's Residence.
FAIRFIELD.—Public School.
FORRESTER.—Public School.
FREEMAN'S REACH.—Public School.
GALSTON.—Public School.
GLENBROOK.—Public School.
GLENORIE.—Public School.
GOUGH TOWN.—Public School.
HARTLEY VALE.—Public School.
HOWE'S VALLEY.—Post-office.
HOXTON PARK.—Mr. Kirkpatrick's Residence.
KATOOMBA.—Court-house.
KELLYVILLE.—Public School.
KENTHURST.—Public School.
KURRAJONG HEIGHTS.—Post-office.
LAWSON.—Public School.
LITHGOW.—Court-house.
LIVERPOOL.—Scrivener's Auction Rooms, Macquarie-street, and Asylum.
LLANDILO.—Public School.
LUDDENHAM.—Public School.
MOUNT DRUITT.—Public School.
MOUNT VICTORIA.—Public School.
MOUTH OF COLO.—Public School.
MULGOA.—Public School.
NORTH CURRAJONG.—Post-office.
NORTH RICHMOND.—Public School.
PARRAMATTA.—Courthouse, Town Hall, George-street Asylum, Macquarie-street Asylum.
PENNANT HILLS.—Lumby's Cottage.
PENRITH.—Public School.
PITT TOWN.—Public School.
PORTLAND HEAD.—Rev. H. Woodhouse's Residence.
PROSPECT.—Public School.
PUTTY.—Post-office.
RICHMOND.—Courthouse.
RIVERSTONE.—Public School.
ROOTY HILL.—School of Arts.
ROUSE HILL.—Public School.
SACKVILLE REACH.—Holmes' House.
SEVEN HILLS.—Sherwood's Cottage.
SHERWOOD.—Smith's Cottage, The Warren, Merrylands.
SMITHFIELD.—Council-chambers.
SPRINGWOOD.—Public School.
ST. ALBANS.—Court-house.
ST. JOHN'S PORK.—Bayley's Cottage, opposite Post-office.
ST. MARY'S.—Public School.
TOONGABBIE.—Public School.
UPPER COLO.—Public School.
VINEYARD.—Public School.
WENTWORTH FALLS.—Public School.
WETHERILL PARK.—Public School.
WILBERFORCE.—Public School.
WINDSOR.—Court-house.
WISEMAN'S FERRY.—Court-house.

THE REFERENDUM.

VOTING-PAPER.

As to what shall be the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Which of the following numbers do you prefer, and what is the order of your preference?

	125 (This is the present number.)
	100
1	90

Indicate your vote by placing the number 1 in the square opposite the number for which you vote in the first instance.

You may, in addition, indicate in the order of your preference which of the other numbers you prefer (in the event of your first number not getting a majority) by placing the numbers 2 and 3 in the squares opposite the other numbers in the order of your preference.

It is not necessary to vote for more than one number, but the number for which you *first* vote *must* have against it the figure 1.

Votes for the second or third preference will only be counted in the event of prior preferences not being an absolute majority.

Above is a fac-simile of the voting-paper in the referendum to be taken on the subject of reduction of members of the Legislative Assembly. It will be printed on blue paper, the instructions in the right-hand column being in red ink. In the voting-paper handed to each elector on December 16 the small squares at the left of the numbers 125, 100, and 90 will be blank. Electors who wish to secure the greatest measure of reform that the circumstances allow will achieve their object by filling in the paper as shown above.

WOMEN VOTE ON THE REFERENDUM.

POLLING DAY.

VOTING FOR THE SENATE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AND REDUCTION OF MEMBERS.

EPOCH IN PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

MEN AND WOMEN—DO YOUR DUTY.

This is polling day for the making of the Australian Parliament and the cleansing of the State Legislative Assembly. This is the first time in the history of Australia when men and women right throughout the continent and the sister State of Tasmania enjoy a common prerogative in the exercise of the franchise. There is intense interest in every corner of Australia. In the mother State that interest is accentuated, for this is the State that has the widest experience of the wisdom of freedom of trade—a policy now threatened by a Ministry that has been false to its trust to the whole of the people of the Commonwealth, but particularly to those of New South Wales, whom it grossly deceived at the first Federal election. But further than that, the concern of this State in the proceedings is accentuated by consideration of the necessity for the reduction of the number of members of the State Legislative Assembly. Perhaps nine-tenths of the people demand such a reduction. The Parliamentary Labour party detest the idea, and there can be no other reason for that detestation than that they regard with dismay a prospective loss of their own share in membership of Parliament. The tithe of the electors who do not want reduction include an uncertain proportion of supporters of the Labour party. If all such were against reduction they would number more than one-tenth, but it is common knowledge amongst the masses of the workers who endorse the system of the solidarity that the great bulk of them are just as much convinced of the inutility of a big, cumbersome, and lumbering Legislature, as are the very front rank of Liberals and reformers. They naturally see that the whole fabric of Parliamentary government is woven about the principle of majority rule, and as the power of a majority is the same in a small as in a large Parliament, it is absurd for them to pay a lot of superfluous members comfortable salaries.

In all the circumstances New South Wales has more interest in to-day's great Australian work than has any other State, and it would be an everlasting slur on our intelligence and loyal zeal if we in the parent State failed to poll well—failed to proportionately as well as actually cast more votes than any other State. Liberals should vote to a man and woman, for a great cause is at stake. Australia has sufficiently long been made a cosmopolitan laughing-stock for her absurd laws, and now New South Wales has a chance of showing the world that she at any rate will be no party to the perpetuation of illiberal laws and incompetent administration. She has the further opportunity, too, of showing her creditors abroad, and the commercial world generally, that she has a high code of honour, and will fling aside with indignation the men who have misinterpreted her conception of economic soundness and monetary probity. Every man and woman in Australia is called upon to-day to cast a vote. Those who would say "I will not soil my hands with politics" assume an indefensible attitude. The housewife might as well say "I will not help to clean out that room; it is too dirty." By and bye it must become worse and worse, until nothing but destruction would remedy its nonsomeness. Better far to clean it at once and thoroughly, and then it will be easily maintained in order. Those who are so profoundly disgusted with the present state of politics must recognise their duty—help to put affairs straight.

Twenty-two candidates are to be selected to-day in New South Wales for the Federal House of Representatives, three for the Senate, and the people have the opportunity of commanding by their votes that the Legislative Assembly shall consist of not more than 90 members. Even that is too many, but let us take the first step and the others will follow. The polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. To vote is no trouble. You merely walk into the polling booth, the returning officer will give you for the asking three voting papers—red, white and blue—you mark crosses against your selections for the Senate and the House of Representatives and the figure 1 against the number 90 on the referendum paper, deposit the whole three in the ballot-boxes, and go about your business. There are no electors' rights to be hunted up from some forgotten recess: no electors' rights are needed. If there is a walk-over in your electorate for the House of Representatives, go nevertheless and vote for the Senate and the referendum. If you do this you will afterwards have the gratification of saying "I, as a citizen of this great State, which under proper government will be immeasurably greater, helped to give my country sound government."

VOTING IN ANOTHER ELECTORATE.

A voter, if he does not care to go to the trouble of voting by post, has another form of procedure open to him. If he is in another electorate than the one for which he is enrolled, he may apply to a returning officer or assistant returning officer on polling day for an absent voter's paper. After satisfactorily answering certain questions which may be put to him, he will be given a blank ballot paper for the Senate and another for the House of Representatives. On the paper for the Senate he will write three names—those of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote—and on the voting paper for the House of Representatives he will write one. He will then fold the paper, sign it on the counterfoil; the returning officer will attest it, and take charge of it. After the poll closes he will forward it to the returning officer for the division in which the elector would have been entitled to vote if he were at home.

ABSENT VOTERS' FACILITIES.

The Electoral Act makes provision for two classes of absentee voters—the one who is absent from his own polling place on election day, but is not absent from the electorate or division for which he is enrolled, and the voter who is absent from his electorate, or even from his State. In regard to the first there are two classes—the voter who is able to go to a polling place to record his vote, though not to the one for which he is enrolled, and the voter who is unable to attend any polling booth at all.

"Watching a Sailing Race," one of this week's "Sydney Mail" pictures, shows how popular sailing is in Sydney.—Advt.

THE PROSPECT IN VICTORIA.

MINISTERIALISTS GLOOMY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

"My final view of the election prospect is not sanguine"; thus the Prime Minister to-day. Mr. Deakin strikes the keynote of Ministerialists. The night before the poll finds them despondent. They have at the critical moment failed utterly to control their candidates. Vote-splitting must play havoc with their choices in several constituencies, and thousands of votes have been divorced from them over the discreditable Petriana business. Altogether their position is unsatisfactory. The Opposition is very confident of retaining the four seats held in the late Parliament, and of winning new seats at Wimmera, Corangamite, and Corio. In Mernda, too, a freetrader, Mr. Hickford, has the best of chances. Moira was, until recently, considered fairly safe for the Government man in Mr. Kennedy, but the sectarian influence has loomed up, and the seat may go either way. The troubles of the Government do not end here. Mr. Hume Cook will have a great fight to hold his seat for Bourke, while for the Senate the position is anything but encouraging. For the Deakinites the contest is regarded as a very open one. Vote-splitting will be rampant, including four labour nominees. The Ministerial strength will be scattered among 14 candidates. So confused is the party that the Ministerial and protectionist choice does not even coincide with that of its organ, the "Age."

The labour vote, too, is certain to be seriously divided. Mr. Trenwith is running independently of any party, but his support from both the Ministerial and labour ranks promises to be very heavy. He is, in fact, the popular pick for one of the four vacancies. With all this faction among Mr. Deakin's acknowledged and unacknowledged followers, the prospect of the Opposition ticket is of the brightest. Mr. Derham, Sir John M'Intyre, Colonel Templeton, and Mr. E. E. Smith have assailed the socialistic trend of Commonwealth legislation throughout the campaign, and, apart from Opposition supporters, they are assured of an immense anti-socialistic vote. With such a cleft among protectionist and labour candidate, many supporters are probable, but on the face of it the Government promises to lose seats both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and it seems as if the spoils will be divided among the Opposition and Labour. Mr. Reid's party, however, should be the heavier winners.

IRELAND'S FIGHT FOR FREE TRADE.

There seems to be an impression current that protection forms part of the political faith of Irishmen, but as a matter of fact the best traditions of the race are associated with freetrade, and the great leaders of the nation, such as Grattan, Flood, Curran, Burgh, and O'Connell, were staunch advocates of the principle of commercial freedom, the active agitation for which began in Ireland as far back as 1775. Four years later the demand reached the point of insurrection, and in 1779, when the British Government attempted to make good the Irish revenue deficiency by the imposition of extra duties upon wines, tobacco, and raw and untanned hides, Henry Grattan promptly moved that "it was inexpedient to impose extra duties," and secured the rejection of the Government proposals by 170 to 47. Later on in the same year Hussey Burgh, the Prime Sergeant, moved an amendment to the address from the Throne, providing for an "extension of trade." On the recommendation of Flood, "Freetrade" was substituted, and the amending resolution,—"That it is not by temporary expedients but by a free trade alone that this nation is now to be saved from impending ruin," was carried. All sections of the old Irish House were so enthralled with the Prime Sergeant's great speech in exposition of the principle that at its conclusion the whole Assembly stood up and loudly cheered him. Outside Parliament public excitement on the subject ran high, and as the Commoners, headed by the Speaker in his robes, passed along the streets of Dublin on their way to the Castle with the amended address for presentation to the Viceroy, the volunteers lined the route and presented arms, whilst two of the cannons of the City Artillery bore labels with the ominous inscription—

"Free trade or—This."

The British Ministry yielded to the Irish demand, and in July, 1780, the Royal Assent was given to an Act extending a measure of freetrade to Ireland, but an independent Parliament was deemed necessary to guard the precious privilege, and in moving his famous "Declaration of Irish Rights," Grattan said:—"I laugh at that man who supposes that Ireland will not be content with a free trade and a free Constitution; and would any man advise her to be content with less?"

Two years later, when the Independence of the Irish Parliament was conceded, the Dungannon Convention passed the following strong freetrade resolution:—

"That the ports of this country are by right open to all foreign countries, not at war with the King, and that any burden thereupon, or obstruction thereto, save only by the Parliament of Ireland, is unconstitutional, illegal, and a grievance."

Speaking of the period intervening between 1782-1800—when O'Connell admits that Ireland "under the aegis of the Irish Parliament was the least taxed country in Europe"—Marmion, a candid protectionist, in his "History of the Maritime Ports of Ireland," published in 1858, is constrained to acknowledge that "with the dawn of freetrade, Ireland unquestionably rose in wealth and importance; commerce, manufacture, and agriculture progressed materially."

The inference to be drawn from these historical facts is that the national predilections of Irishmen would rather be in favour of freetrade than otherwise.

EAST SYDNEY.

Mr. T. H. Thrower, the selected Labour candidate, brought his campaign to a close last night, when he addressed three well-attended meetings, at each of which he was listened to with attention, and afterwards awarded a vote of confidence. His first address was delivered at the corner of Bourke and Pawley streets, Surry Hills, the next at the corner of Devonshire and Riley streets, and his last appeal to the electors was made from the balcony of the Revolving Battery Hotel, Dowling-street.

Mr F. R. Peel, the nominee of the Ministerialists, did not hold any meetings in the outlying parts of the electorate, but contented himself with taking part in the combined demonstration in favour of the Government candidates at the Protestant Hall.

ELECTORS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following list shows the total number of electors on the roll in each electorate of the State, with the exception of The Barrier, figures for which were not available last night:—

BLAND, 25,061
CANOBOLAS, 20,248
COWPER, 23,446
DALLEY, 24,361
DARLING, 16,378
EAST SYDNEY, 53,019
EDEN-MONARO, 22,320
GWYDIR, 22,320
HUME, 23,521
HUNTER, 22,951
ILLAWARRA, 27,226
LANG, 26,805
MACQUARIE, 20,459
NEWCASTLE, 25,533
NEW ENGLAND, 26,726
NORTH SYDNEY, 30 085
PARKES, 26,886
PARRAMATTA, 23,109
RICHMOND, 19,765
RIVERINA, 18,181
ROBERTSON, 27,426
SOUTH SYDNEY, 31,765
WENTWORTH, 29,366
WERRIWA, 21,070
WEST SYDNEY, 25,789.

THE PETRIANA SCANDAL.

THE AGENTS' LETTER.

MR. DEAKIN'S ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The letter from the agents for the Petriana which appeared in the press to-day, refuting the statements made repeatedly by Mr. Deakin in justification of the Government's action, has had a marked effect on the Melbourne public. The supporters of the Ministry, while disgusted with the treatment of the shipwrecked men, have been reluctant to disbelieve the Prime Minister's explanation. After reading the letter from the agents, however, they express keen disappointment that Mr. Deakin should, even in the heat of an electioneering campaign, have endeavoured to escape responsibility for the scandal. It is now seen that throughout the leader of the Government has been quibbling over technicalities, and endeavouring to obscure the real issue.

To leave the statement from the agents unanswered at such a stage would have but magnified the damage already done to the Government vote. Mr Deakin to-day received a further memorandum on the subject from Mr. Athee Hunt. After repeating at great length his former arguments, Mr. Hunt writes:—

"It is true that I did not know where Coode Island was, except that it was somewhere convenient for shipping. No application was made to me either by the agents or by the Customs officers as to the position of the owners of the vessel in the bay, on which it was proposed to place the Petriana crew. When Mr. Terry came to see me in the afternoon I expressed surprise at seeing him again, as I had been informed that the matter had been arranged by the men being placed on some disused vessel in the bay. I asked him why the arrangement had not been gone on with, and he said it had not been possible to complete it; but he did not allege as a reason that there was any difficulty about the Immigration Restriction Act. The Customs officers reported to me that no application was made to them by the owners of the vessel in the bay on which it had been proposed to place the men. No application was made to me to relax the Act. I intimated from the first that there never was any question about prosecuting the master if the men were allowed to land. I made it clear to the agents and to Mr. Stewart that no notice would be taken of a technical breach of the Act in landing these men. I repeat that the suggestion as to the gaol was made by the agent himself, and was rejected by me in the words already stated. My statement is made from a note taken at the time of the conversation, and recorded in the official report, which I dictated next day. Mr. Terry's statement is made a fortnight afterwards, and when, possibly, his memory had become unconsciously affected by the numerous statements which have appeared in regard to this matter. I invite attention to the following passage from the report supplied to me to-day by Mr. O'Brien, Customs officer at Williamstown:—'Referring to the marked paragraph re the Petriana case, I can only reiterate that the crew of the Petriana were not prevented by the Customs from landing. In the first place, I was not aware that the crew of the vessel had been examined by the health officer, and it was only upon their arrival in the bay that the Customs were made aware of the fact that pratique had been granted down at Queenscliffe; hence the order for anchoring.'"

Mr. Hunt's memorandum does not disprove a single statement made by the agents. The latter have nothing to gain by discrediting Mr. Deakin's version of the matter. On the other hand, for the Government to acknowledge the guilt of what is beyond question proved against it, would shatter the chances of many of its weaker candidates. It is significant that, despite all the public outcry, the Prime Minister makes no suggestion of altering the Act to allow of shipwrecked sailors to land. His fear of the Labour party dominates even his humanitarian instincts.

MR. DEAKIN AGAIN CONTRADICTED.

THE AGENTS ASTOUNDED.

The agents for the Petriana, Messrs. Gollin and Co., were amazed when they read Mr. Hunt's memorandum that such a statement should have been made by the responsible head of a Government department. Mr. Terry, who interviewed Mr. Hunt on behalf of his company, read through the memorandum. He would not waste time by contradicting each paragraph seriatim, but said—"The letter which we wrote contains the truth and nothing but the truth. We reaffirm all that we then said, and thus it will be seen we contradict Mr. Hunt's statements, which are absolutely inaccurate and contrary to the facts." The passage in Mr. Hunt's memorandum which is the crux of the controversy—"So far from objecting to any place of landing proposed by the agents, I myself suggested several places at which the crew might conveniently remain"—is emphatically denied by Mr. Terry.

AWAITING RESULTS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Prime Minister and the Treasurer, together with a number of candidates, will await the result of the poll to-morrow night at the Melbourne Post Office.

THE WEATHER.

During the course of Monday night a few thunder showers passed over the southern part of the coast. An inch was registered at Cape St. George, but at other stations the falls were light. In the far west scattered showers were experienced, but the quantities of rain recorded were insignificant. Yesterday fine weather conditions prevailed generally. Pleasant weather is predicted for to-day, but a shower or two may fall on the seaboard.

STATION REPORTS.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Limited, have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfalls, viz.:—Bugilbone, Pilliga, Dec. 12: "2in rain yesterday, very heavy storm, still threatening." Noondoo, Dirranlandi (Qld.), Dec. 12: "3½in and 5¼ points rain Noondoo Friday night." Yerranbah, Angledool, Dec. 14: "5¾ points rain on 11th." Darnel, Mungindi (Qld.), Dec. 12: "2in 20 points steady rain Friday night." Bullamon, Mungindi (Qld.), Dec. 14: "2¾0 points 10th Bullamon homestead." Amby Downs, Roma (Qld.), Dec. 12: "2¾5 points rain head station since 7 yesterday evening, heavy thunderstorm." Authoringa, Charleville (Qld.), Dec. 12: "2¾0 points rain yesterday, 11th."

RAINS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Light to heavy rain has again fallen over the Peninsula. The following were the principal rainfalls for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—

North.—Bloomsbury 167 points, Bowen 117, Cairns 79, Charters Towers 29, Cooktown 17, Mackay 24, Mein 295, Palmerville 70, Pentland 240, Thornborough 146.

Central.—Clermont 41 points, Collaroy 51, Dingo 45, Duaringa 138, Emerald 24, Emu Park 15, Keppel Bay 84, Marlborough 60, Mount Morgan 11, Port Alma 12, Rockhampton 16, Rosedale 10, Seahill 10, Stanwell 30, Walton 56, Westwood 105, Yaamba 118, Yambin 281, Yeppoon 50.

South.—Aldershot 82 points, Cooran 85, Cooroy 11, Eidsvold 76, Gundiah 90, Gympie 86, Howard 11, Kilkivan Junction 10, Maryborough 80, Mount Perry 223, Mungarr 60, Tiaro 40, Kilkivan 145, Brisbane and suburbs 1 to 110.

STORMS IN THE COUNTRY.

TILBA TILBA, Tuesday.

A terrific thunderstorm and rainstorm, accompanied with hail, occurred at 8.30 last night. 140 points of rain fell in 20 minutes.

MILTON, Tuesday.

A very heavy hailstorm passed over Milton last evening, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning. Coming after hot and windy days it will do much good.

COBARGO, Tuesday.

A terrific hailstorm occurred here last night with heavy thunder and vivid lightning. Half an inch of rain fell in about 20 minutes.

THE ELECTIONS.

HOW THE CAMPAIGN GOES.

THE PARKES ELECTORATE.

The success of Mr. Bruce Smith at Parkes is assured—but only on one condition. Every freetrader must record his vote if the caucus candidate is not to creep in. Mr. Bruce Smith has three candidates subtracting from the votes that should go to the selected freetrade candidate, and he has besides to face the direct opposition of the Labour-Ministerial alliance. Interested people are saying: "Oh! Mr. Bruce Smith is all right—you needn't take the trouble to vote for him." This is the advice of the enemy. Freetrade electors should poll every vote.

GERRYMANDERING.

Electors who have not yet made up their minds as to whether or not to oppose Mr. Deakin and his friends are recommended to study the value of votes in the different electorates. Sir William Lyne is directly responsible for the flagrant outrage on the rights of electors, which he committed by his scandalous gerrymandering. "One vote one value" indeed! How can that be when there are over 30,000 electors in North Sydney, with one representative in the House, and only 15,000 electors in Darling, also with one representative? How comes it that the 23,521 electors in the Hume are counted equal to the 28,896 electors in Lang? Sir William Lyne, aided and abetted by his colleagues in the Deakin Ministry, and by the Labour party, disfranchised thousands of electors, for the sake of securing the seats of Government supporters.

THE CAUCUS DEVICE.

The Labour party wants very much to secure the return of Mr. Griffith, the representative of the caucus, to the Senate, and this is the device they recommend.

"For the Senate election," said the president of the Political Labour League last night, "give one vote for Arthur Griffith. I believe the best way to get him in is to throw the other two votes away."

An elector: "Should we give one to Nellie Martel?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Lamond: "No, I do not think Mrs. Martel is safe enough to waste a vote on. Waste them on outsiders."

Will freetrade electors who are asked to give one of their votes outside of the Freetrade Three remember this little manœuvre and vote the whole ticket and nothing but the ticket?

A MELANCHOLY GATHERING.

One of the most significant and, in the circumstances, not humorless, incidents of the election campaign took place last night in the Protestant Hall. "A great Ministerial rally" was held. The platform bore some 24 empty chairs, one or two little-known protectionist candidates for Federal Parliamentary honours, and five or six lady and gentlemen supporters, including Mr. B. R. Wise. The meeting was poorly attended, and, although the bulk of the audience hailed with chastened enthusiasm references to the immense advantages to be derived from paying more for all the necessaries of life, there was a large section that greeted the protectionist sophistries of Mr. Wise and others with derision. Taking it all round, apart from the Attorney-General, the oratory was almost pitifully feeble and the meeting towards the end unmistakably demonstrated its impatience under the ordeal to which it was being sub

than merely because he is an ardent Protestant, but work in harmony with the political associa- possible in our case. A sensible Dulwich Hill man says: 'I want to be on the winning side, so my vote goes to Johnson because the women are with him.'"

A CAUTION.

Mr. N. Ellice Hunt urges electors to note the difference between the crosses (X) of the federal elections and the figure (1) required for the referendum. That this caution is needed is proved by a letter to hand from an elector of Lang, who voted by post. "Having in mind," he says, "the instruction to place a cross opposite the name of candidates voted for, I voted in the same way on the referendum paper by placing a cross opposite 'no.'" This mistake means that the ballot paper in question is informal, and thus a vote has been lost for reform. If electors make mistakes on their papers in the polling booths they should obtain other papers from the officer in charge, who will destroy the spoilt papers.

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Representations were made to the Prestrade Committee yesterday that notwithstanding the "Gazette" notice to the effect that to-day is a public holiday, members of the Land and Income Tax Department staff had been informed that they must attend at the office as usual. There are in all some 80 or 90 officers affected by this order, and, as many of them had arranged to bring their wives or sisters to the polling booths, they felt the new order a great hardship. The general secretary of the Free-trade League, accompanied by Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A., interviewed the Income Tax Commissioners on the subject of the men being allowed time to record their votes, and were told in reply that it was well known to the officers that some 55,000 assessment notices had to be issued by a certain date, so that giving men a full holiday was out of the question. The Commissioners, however, said they were quite willing to allow the men until 10 o'clock in the morning to arrive at the office instead of 9, but this it was pointed out would not entirely obviate the difficulty, as the ladies of the households had their domestic work to attend to. Eventually it was arranged that each officer should have a convenient hour at which to register his vote.

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There has been an astonishing demand during the last few days from electors who have gone to the Freetrade rooms desiring to receive instructions how to vote for the selected candidates of the League. Copies of the leaflets published by it giving information as to how the Freetrade electors should vote have been therefore given away literally by the thousand.

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Electors may vote at any polling place in the State which is presided over by a returning officer or assistant returning officer. People who are enrolled in Sydney or other electorates, if on a visit, say, to Bowral, may vote at Bowral or any of the other chief polling centres in the Illawarra division. Their votes will not be counted there, but will at the close of the poll be sent on by post to their own returning officer, who will also, immediately upon the vote being recorded, be notified of that fact by wire.

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Mr. A. B. Armstrong observes that the only persons authorised to open the ballot-boxes and count the votes are returning officers and assistant returning officers, and they have no authority to delegate their powers. A presiding officer's duties end with the sealing of the ballot-box and handing over of the same to the returning or assistant returning officer.

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

PRONOUNCED PESSIMISM.

ANTICIPATES A PARLIAMENT OF WAVERERS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Prime Minister concluded his campaign by addressing a large meeting at Moonee Ponds, in support of Mr. Hume Cook's candidature for Bourke to-night. He said he grievously feared that the settlement to be arrived at would be satisfactory to but few. In several States the election was unhappily going to be decided on local issues, which belonged to only one of those particular States. Referring to "anti-socialistic" candidates, he said that nowadays every man who differed from another, and desired to object to what he proposed, began to call the other fellow a "socialist." (Laughter.) He regretted that his own State of Victoria was going to be the worst sinner in vote splitting. Such a policy must be destructive to any party, no matter how strong. With the exception of one or two instances in New South Wales, the Opposition candidates were nowhere in conflict. He would not fear his opponents even in New South Wales if there was a clear field, but what he apprehended was that they would not get that. The verdict would be upon side issues, and a Parliament would be returned from wavering motives and with wavering ends. The work of Parliament would not be as well, as soon, or as cleanly done as it ought to be. Then the people who gave us a Parliament comprised of discordant elements would condemn the Government for not having passed measures with a majority, and for not having done that which the people themselves rendered impossible. By unity and self-sacrifice alone could there be a victory complete and decisive for fiscal peace, preferential trade, and a "white Australia." (Cheers.)

An elector: Is it not a fact that the Labour party concur with the whole of the sentiments you uttered to-night?

Mr. Deakin: I shall be delighted to hear it, and delighted to see it proved. At present, to my own knowledge, some of the leading and most active members of that party in the adjoining States are fighting it to death.

MR. REID AT DUNGOG.

THE TRUE FISCAL PEACE.

CONSIDERATION OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

WHEN GREAT BRITAIN DECIDES.

DUNGOG, Tuesday.

Dr. Liddell, accompanied by the Hon. G. H. Reid, arrived at Dungog this afternoon, and was welcomed by many townsfolk, headed by a band. A large meeting assembled in the Victoria Hall to hear the speakers this evening. Many ladies were present. The appearance of the visiting gentlemen was signalised by great cheering. Mr. Reid receiving prolonged applause. Mr. F. A. Hooke, the chairman, introduced the speakers. Dr. Liddell, the first speaker, outlined his policy briefly, and received a splendid hearing. Recognising the fact that Dungog is considered to be Mr. Waller's stronghold, the size of the assemblage and the interest evinced were exceptionally favourable to the freetrade candidate.

Mr. Reid, on rising to speak, received a deafening ovation. He explained that Dr. Liddell had decided to contest the election on his personal invitation. The actions of the present Government, he said, were degrading to Australians, and had damaged Australia in the eyes of foreign nations. As an instance, he reopened the question of the six detained natters. Mr. Reid defended the independence of Australia against Imperial federation, and expressed disapproval of the application of the Immigration Restriction Act to England immigrants, who, with definite employment in view, were liable to come under the Act's workings and suffer imprisonment. He contrasted the conditions and wealth of the people during the past decade with that of the preceding one, stating that emigration was on the increase. While other colonial dependencies and the Argentine had nearly doubled their population, Australia's was decreasing. He condemned the extravagance of the Australian Government as damaging the reputation of the Commonwealth, and favoured emphatically a "white Australia, but decisively objected to painting the ocean white. Instead of a protective policy encouraging production, it had an effect similar to a vampire sucking the blood of the Commonwealth. Referring to Sir E. Barton's promise not to mould a tariff similar to that in operation in Victoria, Mr. Reid characterised the imposition of duties which did take place as a degrading trick by which the most vital articles to the poor man had been taxed. The affair was an infamous imposition. In instancing the effect of protection in Victoria, he quoted figures showing the decrease of agricultural workers during the last ten years and the decrease of factories and factory workers, while the influx of women and children into men's positions was rampant. He characterised preferential trade as a movement organised by the landlords of England to further their interests and trade on the loyalty of colonials. The present moment was inopportune to introduce the question of prof-realism, as the British Government had decided that nothing definite would be done till the decision of Britain's people was registered. When Britain did decide he was willing to consider the proposals. He decried attempts to paint him as an enemy of the Empire. He had always fought for an equitable revenue tariff, and his creed was the real fiscal peace. The conclusion of the speech was heralded with outbursts of applause. A vote in favour of Mr. Reid's policy was carried by a show of hands, those held up outnumbering those in favour of Mr. Deakin's. Many in the hall refrained from voting.

Dr. Bowker proposed Dr. Liddell as a suitable candidate to represent the electorate. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Howe, and was carried by an overwhelming majority.

COUNTING THE VOTES.

LONG DELAY CONTEMPLATED.

It will be learned with a considerable amount of surprise, and, doubtless, dissatisfaction, that the counting of the votes recorded to-day under the provisions of the Reduction of Members Referendum Act is not to be undertaken until Monday, December 28, three days after Christmas, and possibly may not be started until the following day, Tuesday, December 29.

The above statement is made as the result of information gleaned yesterday by a "Herald" representative from Mr. J. M. Gibson, Under-Secretary for the Chief Secretary's Department, Chief Electoral Officer of the State, and the gentleman to whom is delegated the duty of conducting the counting of the referendum ballot papers. The public will doubtless be astonished to learn that it is contemplated to allow a period of at least 12 days to elapse before the work of counting the papers is commenced, and the disappointment of the public may be imagined when it is explained that this delay is to take place in order to permit of ballot papers from the furthermost limits of the State, from an Ultima Thule like Tibooburra, with its dozen or so of voters, reaching the Chief Electoral Officer.

That gentleman stated yesterday that the referendum ballot papers will not be treated in a similar manner to those lodged at a general election for the State. In the latter case the votes cast in each electorate are counted in the presence of the returning officer, and the result telegraphed to Sydney. In that way the final results in the majority of the electorates are made known in Sydney on the evening of polling day. In the case of the referendum vote to-day, however, Mr. Gibson states that the ballot papers at each polling booth will be placed in a sealed envelope and despatched to him. Until he receives the enclosed returns from every polling booth in the State, and he expects every one will be in by Monday, December 28, at the very latest, he will not start his men on the work of counting the votes.

Mr. Gibson explains that he has made arrangements to obtain a large room at the Technical College, in which the counting of the ballot papers will be done by a staff of picked men. The staff will be sufficiently large to complete the compilation in two days.

Mr. J. Vernon, Government Auditor, and Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Government Statistician, have been asked by Sir John See to act as scrutineers. This is a guarantee that the work of recording the votes will be done in an efficient manner.

Doubtless the explanation of the Government in delaying the count until the whole of the returns reach Sydney will be that it is all a question of expense. It may be stated that if a count were made at the various polling booths, it would necessitate the Government appointing returning officers and scrutineers at each of the polling centres, for it would be impossible for the Federal returning officers and their scrutineers to undertake the task of counting the ballot papers in a State referendum. The appointment of such State officers would mean a heavy expenditure, in addition to which a considerable sum of money would have to be paid to the Federal Government for telegraphing the referendum returns to Sydney.

All this may be perfectly true, but doubtless many people will hold the opinion that at least the Government should save even a progressive count being made of the metropolitan ballot papers. They will reach the Chief Electoral Officer by to-morrow afternoon at the very latest, and by Saturday the result of the metropolitan vote could be made known.

A GREAT "RALLY."

MINISTERIAL WEAKNESS SHOWN.

"DEMONSTRATION" AT THE PROTESTANT HALL.

POOR ATTENDANCE AND POORER SPEECHES.

What was advertised as a "Great Ministerial Rally" was held at the Protestant Hall last evening under the presidency of the Hon. Dr. Nash, M.L.C. The body of the hall was by no means crowded, and the galleries presented a dismal array of empty benches with a small fringe of people hanging over the railing in front.

Dr. Nash announced that he would read a message from the Prime Minister to the electors. Immediately Mr. Deakin's name was mentioned there was a chorus of groans and cheers. These groans and cheers continued throughout the reading of the message. The chairman supplemented Mr. Deakin's appeal with a few remarks, which were punctuated by approving or derisive observations.

Mr. B. R. Wise, the Attorney-General, who received a great ovation, interspersed with some groans, was about to speak when two interjections came from the gallery which it was evident Mr. Wise did not appreciate.

One Voice: I am very sorry, Mr. Wise, that you have turned round.

Another Voice: You have always posed as a freetrader.

Mr. Wise said that he recognised one of the interrupters. He had been in receipt of Government relief, and had come to him (Mr. Wise) for help. He was one of the men that the Government had saved from starving. (Cheers.) "The man who enters public life," added Mr. Wise, philosophically, "must expect ingratitude." And then he moved,—"That this meeting of the citizens of Sydney approves of the constructive policy of the Commonwealth Government." (Groans and cheers.) It was a constructive policy because it stood for preferential trade, fiscal peace, and loyalty to the Empire. (Cheers.) The other side had no policy.

Much interruption greeted this observation. Mr. Wise proceeded to explain the advantages of a protective tariff. Factories had sprung up like mushrooms by reason of protection supplanting the policy of freetrade, which he in past years supported so strenuously in this State. The old trick of bringing up the circular issued by Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur and Co. was resorted to by the Attorney-General. "There are two M'Millans," he said, "M'Millan the politician and M'Millan the commercial man."

"And there are two Wises. Wise the freetrader and Wise the protectionist," came the obvious retort.

Mr. Wise: "Tariffs do not raise prices; any student of economic science would say the same." He proceeded that preferential trade could be accomplished by making a higher charge on foreign goods to keep them out, and an additional higher charge again if the goods came in foreign ships. The object of preferential trade was to encourage the mercantile marine. If we could not get the duties lowered for British goods we would have to put a higher rate still on foreign goods and a further rate on goods coming in foreign ships.

Then Mr. Wise tore off to another meeting.

Thereafter the "demonstration" became more helplessly dismal than ever. Mr. F. R. Peel, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. G. T. Clarke, Mr. H. Fisher, and Dr. Warren spoke at less or greater length in order to keep the audience together until the Minister for Defence, Mr. Austin Chapman, put in an appearance.

The Minister did not put in an appearance, however, and eventually the comparatively small number of persons who remained to the bitter end carried the motion moved by Mr. Wise.

PAYMENT OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.

The Minister for Works, Mr. O'Sullivan, stated yesterday that to-day being a public holiday for the purpose of recording votes for the Commonwealth election, all stonemasons and other artisans and labourers employed upon public works will be paid for the day, just as for any other of the public holidays for which pay is granted. This is done by the State Government so that every man who works for the State may have the right to vote without cost to himself.

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

MILTON, Tuesday.

Not much interest is evinced in the election to-morrow. Exception is taken to the entire absence of official information. Not a single thing in connection with the election or the referendum has been officially announced. The list of polling booths in several instances contains alterations as compared to that of all previous elections, but no information whatever has been vouchsafed the public.

ELECTORS' RIGHTS USELESS.

You do not need an elector's right for any part of the voting to-day. It is useless to you for the Senate, for the House of Representatives, or for the referendum. If you have one leave it at home. If the name of any man or woman is on the Federal roll—main or supplementary—he or she may vote. If it is not on the roll no number of electors' rights will entitle you to vote.

THE SENATE.

MR. A. GRIFFITH'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. Arthur Griffith, the selected Labour candidate, addressed a large open-air meeting on Monday night, from the balcony of Dick's Hotel, corner of Beattie and Mullens streets, Balmain, in furtherance of his candidature for the Senate. Mr. George Long occupied the chair. The candidate, who was well received, during an address of over an hour's duration dealt with the various planks of the Labour party's platform. He advocated a White Australia, and the immediate introduction of a Federal Arbitration measure to include both State and Commonwealth employees. Mr. John Storey, M.L.A., spoke in support of Mr. Griffith's candidature, and an almost unanimous vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

INSUFFICIENT ELECTION EXPENSES.

COOMA, Tuesday.

The returning officer for Eden-Monaro (Mr. I. A. Shannon) states that only £300 was voted for expenses in this electorate, whereas he applied for £800. The expenses of the last election amounted to nearly £700. All the officers and clerks who have taken the oath to assist at the elections are greatly dissatisfied at the small fees offered for their services. Thirty-two names were struck off the electoral roll at the Revision Court yesterday.

MR. DEAKIN'S MESSAGE TO NEW SOUTH WALES.

A PESSIMISTIC UTTERANCE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-night Mr. Deakin made the following statement to a representative of the "Herald":—

"My final view of the election prospects is not sanguine.

"We are in Victoria suffering from surplus candidates, who carry our colours, but divide the votes that should be cast for those who have been selected. To sum up the position of the Government, the same condition prevails in New South Wales in constituencies where a triangular contest is being waged. The lateness of the session, the pressure of administrative obligations, together with the recent formation of the Ministry, coupled with the breakdown in my health, have prevented me from placing before the electors of New South Wales and other States the programme of the Government with that fulness of exposition which was necessary, especially with regard to preferential trade with the mother country. Admirable articles by Mr. B. R. Wise published in the 'Herald' have no doubt greatly contributed to the elucidation of the issues involved; but I deeply regret that I was not able to fulfil engagements, which I had tentatively made, for my return to New South Wales, prior to the illness which led to their abandonment.

"The issues before the electors have, however, been plainly stated on both sides. The choice is between fiscal peace, to which we are pledged for this Parliament, or fiscal war, which the leader of the Opposition has openly declared should date from the meeting of the new Parliament, with a further choice as to preference, which we propose to grant and expect to receive, by which a community of commercial interests will be developed between Great Britain and the dominions overseas. Should the Opposition secure a majority no such preference will be possible.

"Our reliance is upon those who appreciate the magnificent possibilities of trade within the Empire benefiting both its European centre and its extremities, and especially with regard to Australia."

In another statement to-day Mr. Deakin said, "I regard the electoral situation as extremely grave."

WENTWORTH ELECTORATE.

MR. KELLY'S CANDIDATURE.

A SERIES OF GREAT MEETINGS.

SLASHING SPEECHES BY MR. WANT.

AN ATTACK ON MR. B. R. WISE.

Mr. W. H. Kelly, the freetrade candidate for Wentworth, wound up his campaign in excellent style last night. He addressed no fewer than four meetings, and everywhere was accorded votes of confidence. The greatest meeting was at the Tea Gardens, Waverley, where 3000 persons were assembled. Mr. Want and others spoke, and later on a move was made to Paddington, where another crowd was addressed. "I have been told," said Mr. Want, "that Mr. Wise considers my language in regard to him the other night rather strong. So it was, but I don't care about trying to stick a rhinoceros with a fruit knife." He next referred to the incident concerning a wire sent to him by Mr. Dalley, asking him for his support. "When I got to Adelaide, returning from England," he said, "I got a telegram from Mr. Dalley, asking me to support him. Mr. Dalley knew, and Mr. B. R. Wise knew, that I was aware that the whole Dalley family were freetraders. I had the greatest respect and affection for Mr. Dalley's father. I would have gone through fire and water for him. Well, when I got the telegram I naturally supposed that Mr. Dalley was coming out as a freetrader, and I was just about to send a wire from Adelaide, saying I would stick to him through thick and thin, when I saw by the newspapers that Mr. Dalley was backed up by Mr. B. R. Wise. Well, gentlemen, in your sporting phraseology, I 'cocked my eye a little bit.' (Laughter.) I began to look around, and could see that, although the telegram was from Mr. Dalley, the handwriting was really the writing of Mephistopheles, in the shape of Mr. B. R. Wise. I took jolly good care not to place myself in the mess they wanted to put me in. When I found I was going to bump against the piebald politician I thought that I had better be very careful. When I got here I found that Mr. Dalley was running really as a protectionist backed up by a freetrade-protectionist-Lord-knows-what-else (laughter)—and I told him, 'My boy, you have been misled: you have got into bad company.' I told him he was on the wrong ticket, and that whatever chance he had for election was spoilt by his being backed up by B. R. Wise." The audience gave no indication of sympathy with Mr. Wise, the remarks of Mr. Want being greeted with applause, and his characteristic expressions causing loud laughter. He was kindly in his personal references to Mr. Dalley, considering that gentleman had been "humbugged and hocussed, and brought into ridicule by being run by a protectionist masquerading as a freetrader." "A good honest burglar," he said, "does his own job; he doesn't want an accomplice."

Altogether different from Mr. Want's tempestuous address were the speeches of Sir William M'Millan and Mr. Garland. Each of the varying styles of oratory seemed to suit the Wentworth electors, and Mr. Kelly's camp wound up the campaign feeling confident of a successful issue.

MINISTERIALISTS AT PADDINGTON.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

The Ministerialist demonstration extended its left flank to Paddington, and at the local town hall there was as big a gathering as could get into the building. There were more men than women, but the latter were in large numbers. It was amusing to watch the front of the hall, where a bevy of females, ranging in age from the early teens to the age of the voter, took up a corner. They liked Mr. Dalley very much—some of them knew his constituents by name—and they greeted his entry to the platform with ecstatic applause. Their example was infectious, and that, supplemented by the approbation of voters of both sexes and of maturer years, made the candidate's reception an ovation. The Mayor of Paddington, who was in the chair, declared himself a non-partisan. What that might mean was promptly put in doubt, because he claimed the right of "speaking from his heart" in warm praise of Mr. Wise and stern condemnation of Mr. Reid and his party, and he claimed that the time had arrived for a new daily paper to be started.

A humorous incident at the outset set the meeting in high good mind directly Mr. Dalley began his speech. "Mr. Kelly," he said, when, as if by pre-arrangement, the hall resounded with the warning blast of a motor-car trumpet. "Kelly's motor car," a wag cried, and the gathering shrieked with laughter. The candidate has recovered a good deal of self-confidence since he first began his campaign, and the contretemps occasioned him only momentarily. He made a good speech from his point of view, dilating on the merits of the platform which, as an accepted Ministerialist, it is proper for him to subscribe to. He secured an excellent hearing despite that instead of the customary short rallying speeches electors are used to on the "night before the battle," he felt it necessary to further fight his candidature with an hour's speech, mainly academic.

The State Attorney-General, who has so heartily thrown himself into the Federal lists against the liberal forces, received an emphatically cordial welcome. "My friend and your future member, Mr. Dalley," he began, and the audience cheered the phrase. He claimed to be something of a political prophet, and said we were upon the eve of a most glorious morning, and the evidences of the coming victory were to be found in the language and tactics of their opponents, who opposed viciousness to argument and reasoning. (Cheers.) Opposed to them stood every single element which was found in opposition to the Federal movement. (Cheers.) The pressure of the provincial movement against Mr. Dalley, the "hereditary representative of Australian union and English union," had been so strong that even Mr. J. H. Want came and spoke against the son of his admittedly great friend. But who cared what Jack Want said? (Cheers.) He said merely what Mr. Reid wanted him to say. Australia would speak on the morrow, not New South Wales, not Sydney, and not the big newspapers. "Whether we gain or lose a seat in New South Wales makes very little difference. In every other colony the ranks are closed. Whatever we do here that which is called Reidism is doomed. He knows it, and that is why he talks of his coming departure from public life." (Cheers.) Mr. Reid, the Attorney-General held, stood for everything narrow and provincial, and there was now no place for "your Jack Wants or Geo. Reids" in the wider atmosphere of Australia. "They may have done good work, but their work is done, and they are useless." (Cheers.) As to the tariff, it was very far short of which he would like it to be, "but when you are told it is preposterously high, I declare the statement to be untrue." He gave a short lecture on the fiscal question, and then urged his hearers not to be led away from the real issue of preferential trade by a controversy on free-trade and protection. Mr. Wise concluded with a statement that he knew Mr. Reid had approached the Federal Labour party.

A show of hands being called for by Mr. Wise it was overwhelmingly in favour of Mr. Dalley.

Mr. W. Martin, president of the A.N.A., made an appeal for Mr. Dalley on the ground that he was an esteemed son of a great father, and other speakers addressed the meeting.

NORTH SYDNEY.

MR. DUGALD THOMSON AT WILLOUGHBY.

CRITICISM OF THE MINISTRY.

Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.P., addressed the electors of Willoughby on Monday evening at the local Town Hall, and met with a cordial reception. The Mayor of Willoughby (Mr. F. C. Petrie) presided.

Mr. Thomson, having thanked the electors for his unopposed return to the Federal Parliament, said that as the Prime Minister had put before the public the policy of the Government, had defended it, and excused it for what he could not defend, he (Mr. Thomson) intended to deal briefly with those statements and explanations. He would not like to accuse Mr. Deakin of deception or of ignorance, but he must say that he was possessed of a gigantic imagination. Mr. Deakin took credit for the wonderful economy displayed by the Government. He (Mr. Thomson) would not say that Parliament as a whole was extravagant, but he would say that the Ministry began in an extravagant way which, had it not been checked by Parliament, would have placed further burdens on the shoulders of taxpayers. The Ministry had the fatal desire to make, at the outset, as many departments and sub-departments as possible. Although many were very small departments, the Ministry said that for the dignity of the Commonwealth it was required that the salaries of the heads of those departments should be as high as was paid to heads of departments in the various States. Parliament, however, would not have any of it, only so far as the large departments were concerned. It would thus be seen that the Commonwealth was started on a most extravagant basis, notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated by the Prime Minister. Another instance of the desire for extravagance on the part of the Ministry was the bill introduced to allow Ministers the £400 per annum allowed to members of the House of Representatives in addition to the Ministerial salaries. He was sorry to say, for the credit of Parliament, that the bill was law owing to the support of members of the Labour party. The Ministry also endeavoured to get the House to vote a sum in addition to the £10,000 allowed the Governor-General, but even Government supporters opposed the proposal, and it was defeated. Surely the instances referred to showed that the Government had not been extravagant only because the House would not allow it to be. The Prime Minister had publicly taken credit for the fact that the Commonwealth had borrowed nothing and owed nothing, but he seemed to have forgotten that a loan bill was introduced by the Government, and it would have borrowed had the House allowed it to do so. The people would have suffered a much greater increase in the tariff had it not been for the efforts of the Opposition, which had knocked off a million and a half, which meant 8s per head for every man, woman, and child in Australia. Mr. Deakin cried aloud for fiscal peace, while the Ministry was opening a whole war over preferential trade. But freetraders intended to do what they could to advocate a reduction of the tariff, which it would be difficult to do once it was firmly fixed. He alluded briefly to preferential trade, to the gerrymandering tactics of the Government with respect to electoral divisions, and the submission of the Government in the past to the domination of Victorian provincialism with respect to the capital. He hoped the electors of Willoughby would do their share in returning the three freetraders selected for the Senate. Mr. Thomson concluded by calling for a show of hands in favour of the policy of Mr. G. H. Reid, to which all in the hall responded.

WEST SYDNEY.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, who is seeking re-election as the selected Labour candidate for this constituency, held three highly successful meetings last evening. His first address was delivered at 7 p.m. at the corner of Ferry-road and Avon-street, after which he spoke to a large audience from the Sunderland Arms Hotel, Fig and Harris streets, Pyrmont, and received a flattering reception. Between 400 and 500 people assembled opposite the Beehive Hotel, Princes-street, to listen to Mr. Hughes' concluding appeal. Prior to his appearance at 9 p.m., Mr. H. Lamond president of the Political Labour League, "held the fort" for him, and delivered an interesting address.

The "monster" meeting advertised by Dr. Warren, the Ministerial candidate, to be held opposite the Captain Cook Hotel, Kent-street, proved a tame affair. The audience numbered about 100, and although Dr. Warren received a quiet and orderly hearing, the proceedings were marked by an absence of that enthusiasm which prevailed at Mr. Hughes' gatherings.

EAST SYDNEY.

MR. T. H. THROWER'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. T. H. Trower, the selected Labour candidate for East Sydney, concluded his campaign last night, when he addressed meetings at Surry Hills and Darlinghurst. The candidate in the course of his addresses referred to the platform of the Labour party, and also repeated the views he had previously expressed. Votes of confidence were proposed and declared carried.

SOUTH SYDNEY.

Mr. Edwards, representing Freetrade, and Mr. Riley, the nominee of the Labour party, from whom the electors of South Sydney will to-day make their choice, held successful meetings last evening. Both candidates addressed large gatherings from three centres and were accorded a patient hearing. The fight is going to be a very close one, but it is generally believed that Mr. Edwards will be allowed to retain the seat which he has held for three years. The majority on either side will, it is expected, be a narrow one.

PARKES.

Considerable activity has been manifested by candidates and their committees this week. Last night was a field night for some of the candidates, who addressed three meetings. Mr. Bruce Smith, the selected freetrade candidate, has had encouraging meetings in every centre. He was well received at Canterbury last night. Mr. Varney Parkes has attacked the more populous centres in vigorous fashion during the last few days, having devoted his attention to outlying districts hitherto. Mr. E. A. Beeby has spoken in many districts, and succeeded in gaining many adherents by reason of his good-humour. Mr. C. Dyer, the selected Labour candidate, has been vigorously assisted by speakers from unionist ranks, and has secured solid promises of support, and Mr. H. Slatyer has circulated the electorate and addressed many gatherings of electors.

DALLEY.

The three candidates for the Dalley electorate had a busy time last night, when at different hours each delivered addresses in the principal centres. Mr. W. H. Wilks, the late member, visited Leichhardt at an early period of the evening, and addressed a meeting at the corner of Norton and Carlisle streets, after which he spoke to a large gathering from Williams' balcony, Beattie-street. Mr. Wilks' remarks were frequently cheered, and at the conclusion of each address he was accorded a vote of confidence amidst cheering.

Miss Selina Anderson concluded her campaign by addressing about five meetings, three of which were numerously attended. She spoke at Balmain East, Central Balmain, Rozelle, Forest Lodge, and Glebe, and was assisted by several speakers from unionist circles.

Mr. W. Moffitt Burns, the selected Ministerial candidate, who entered the contest at the last moment, also addressed two well-attended meetings. At each meeting the candidate was accorded a vote of confidence.

ANTICIPATIONS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PROBABLE DELAY IN POSTING.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The Federal elections are not causing such great interest in South Australia as some of the other States. There are only two elections for the House of Representatives. For Boothby, Messrs. E. L. Batchelor and V. L. Solomon are opposed to each other, and an exceedingly close contest is expected. In Hindmarsh, Mr. J. Hutchison, the Labour candidate, is likely to beat Mr. J. Shaw, the Oppositionist.

For the Senate there will be considerable vote splitting, and the Labour nominees, Messrs. M'Gregor and Guthrie, are not unlikely to be returned with one of the National Defence League candidates, Messrs. Charleston, Copley, and Caldwell.

In connection with the scrutiny of the Federal election papers, South Australia will be at a disadvantage compared with the other States of the Commonwealth. For many years it has been the practice for the returning officers for the province to hold the scrutiny in the General Post Office, where he receives the result of each and every box as it is finished by the district returning officer. This system, which was brought into force by the late Mr. Boothby, worked admirably at the election for the Federal Convention and when the members of the first Federal Parliament were chosen. Since that time the electoral administration has been taken out of the hands of the South Australian officials and placed under a Commonwealth Department, having its centre in Melbourne. Judged by what has occurred in connection with the impending elections the central authorities cannot appreciate the simplicity of the South Australian method. Under regulations which have been issued for guidance of officers the counting of each box separately and the telegraphing of the result to the chief officer for the State has been done away with, and so far as South Australia is concerned there will be a great delay in ascertaining the results. The blame for this delay can be laid principally at the door of the Commonwealth Electoral Department, whose omission to appoint assistant returning officers to the extent that has been done in the other States is the cause of the trouble. For the whole of South Australia and Northern Territory there are 17 divisional and assistant returning officers, to whom alone is entrusted the duty of counting the votes, and of these six are in the metropolitan area. So far as the department and its returning officers are concerned no information regarding the progress of the scrutiny will be available until the whole count is completed.

THE NEWCASTLE SEAT.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

Preparations for the poll to-morrow have been completed. Roughly speaking, there are about 37,000 names on the roll for the Newcastle electorate. Thirty-seven polling places have been provided, and if the poll is a heavy one it will be necessarily late before the complete returns are known. The voting strength of the electorate may be gathered from the fact that, including the referendum, 120,000 ballot papers have been issued. A final demonstration was held to-night in the city by both sides. Mr. Owen Gilbert, M.L.A., who has done remarkably good work for the freetrade cause here by the fearless expression of his opinions, addressed a large meeting in Hunter-street from the balcony of the Criterion Hotel. Lower down the street the Labour party held a demonstration, where Messrs. A. Edden, J. Estell, M.L.A., and others spoke. The Labour party is confident of victory.

THE GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

TRIUMPH PREDICTED.

RIDICULED BY THE CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Herr Bebel, the leader of a section of the Socialist party, in the German Reichstag yesterday, said that the social reform programme put forward by the Government was merely one of vague promises. He passionately declared, "Come what may, the future rests with the Socialists."

Count von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, ridiculed the tape-worn criticisms of the Socialists and their blue vapourings about the state of the future. He condemned the Socialists for their continuous barren criticism, for their incessant appeals to the lowest instincts of mankind, for their blind fanaticism, and for their narrow-minded dogmatism.

If, said Count von Bulow, social democracy triumphed it would soon be replaced by a military dictatorship. He did not believe that the Socialists would conquer if the middle-class parties resolutely faced the danger.

COTTON-GROWING IN AFRICA.

INSTRUCTION OF THE NATIVES.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The British Cotton-growing Association has engaged Professor Stimson, of the Mississippi Agricultural College, to proceed to West Africa to teach the natives cotton-growing and the improvement of the staple.

[According to a message from Reuter's Liverpool correspondent, cotton growing in the Lagos Colony, West Africa, is becoming a settled industry. Reports recently received state that the natives have started to gin the cotton at Lagos, so that the next consignment despatched to Great Britain will be cleaned and pressed. The Elder, Dempster steamer Nigeria, which arrived at Liverpool from Lagos, brought several hundred bags of cotton, and the same company's liner Tarquah on a recent voyage took to Lagos two more complete ginning machines to be worked by steam power. These were sent by the British Cotton Growing Association for the use of the natives, and will be erected in the Hinterland of Lagos at the great trading centre, Abeokuta. Large stores are being erected at Abeokuta and Lagos as receiving depots for the unginned cotton as it is brought in by the natives from the surrounding cotton fields. The first big shipment of West African cotton to Liverpool is expected to be made very shortly.]

ADVOCATED BY THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The German Emperor, in receiving the office-bearers of the Reichstag, referred to the importance of cotton-growing in the German colonies.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL DESIGNATE.

RECEIVED BY THE KING.

HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Lord Northcote, the Governor-General Designate of Australia, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, and kissed hands on the occasion of his departure for Australia.

Lord Northcote has appointed Mr. F. H. Bulkely Johnson, his private secretary in succession to the late Captain Arthur.

Lord Northcote will probably leave London to-morrow. The R.M.S. Moldavia, in which he will embark at Marseilles, sails from that port on Friday.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

SCOTTISH EXPEDITION RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The National Scottish Antarctic expedition, under Mr. W. S. Bruce, in the steamer Scotia (Captain Robertson), has returned to Monte Video, having been absent in the Antarctic circle just a year. The expedition achieved good results.

Six men were left at Cape Pembroke, in the Falkland Islands, in charge of the meteorological station.

The object of the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition was to specialise in oceanography and meteorology, and its sphere was to the south of the South Atlantic Ocean, between the Swedish and the German expeditions. It was proposed to reach as far south as was compatible with the best results to science. It was not intended to allow the Scotia to be frozen in the ice, and this intention has been carried into effect. The plan was to spend the first summer and autumn in the Far South, well within the limit of ice, and there to sound, trawl, tow net, carry on meteorological, magnetical, and general geographical observation. Another cruise will be made next summer to complete the work begun during the past season.

The vessel of the expedition was formerly a whaler named the Hekla, and was re-christened the Scotia. She is a barque-rigged, auxiliary screw steamer of about 400 tons. The leader, Mr. W. S. Bruce, has had an almost unique experience in polar exploration. He was one of the scientific members of the Dundee Expedition to the Antarctic in 1892-3, took part in the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition to Franz-Josef Land, and Captain Andrew Coats' expedition to arctic waters. He twice accompanied the Prince of Monaco to Spitzbergen. There is now only the British Expedition in antarctic waters.

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THE FAR EAST.

RUSSIA'S ACTS AND REPORTS.

A WIDE DIFFERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Much uneasiness is felt at Tokio owing to there being an impression that there is a wide difference between the Russian reply to the Japanese proposals and the pacific assurances which are current at St. Petersburg.

RECALLING JAPANESE RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The "Times" asserts that it is reported in London in Japanese circles that all Japanese of military age have been recalled to Japan. The Japanese Legation in London states that it is not aware of the fact.

GERMANY'S POLICY.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Count von Bulow, the German Imperial Chancellor, speaking in the Reichstag on Monday night, declared that Germany would not burn a finger in the way of interference with questions in the Far East, except to guard her possessions.

A KOREAN RIOT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

A riot of Korean labourers occurred at Mokpho, a treaty port in the south of Korea. The riot was suppressed by Japanese marines.

NAVAL FACILITIES AT HONGKONG.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The British Admiralty is building at Hongkong a pier for the coaling of battleships.

THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRESIDENCY.

THE TRUSTS AND MR. ROOSEVELT.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A fund amounting to £500,000, provided largely by trust magnates, has been formed in the United States for the purpose of defeating the nomination of President Roosevelt as the Republican candidate for the next Presidential term.

Our New York correspondent, writing under date of November 14, having referred to the Tammany victory in New York, says:—"After all, Tammany got only half as large a majority as its party candidate for State Governor—a clean, able man—got last year, and yet that candidate was defeated. Probably, therefore, the great State of New York, with its 36 votes, is still safely Republican. But even without New York the Republicans can now win, which could not have been said even four years ago. In Ohio, Mr. Hanna, who six years ago was elected senator by a single vote in the Legislature, has carried that body by more than a two-thirds majority. His opponent, however, was the famous Tom Johnson, whose candidates were everywhere 'knifed'—that is, treacherously stabbed in the back—by factional enemies in their own party. Possibly, in an election that called out a

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

The day was a quiet one on the Stock and Share market, the cricket match and holiday spirit generally prevailing tending to produced stagnation. Government stocks and bank shares were unaltered. Australian Joint Stock Bank inscribed deposit stock were in request at 9s 7½d. English, Scottish, and Australian, preferred, were inquired for at 11s 9d. For North Coast Steam 18s 3d was paid. Australian Gaslight continue to sell at 17½. Breweries remained steady. Fresh Food and Ice receded 3d, selling at 8s. Hall's Mercantile Agency inquired for at 21s. Other alterations unimportant.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Fresh Food and Ice, 8s; Australian Gaslight, 17½. Noon: Fresh Food and Ice, London delivery, 8s; Australian Gaslight, 17½; North Coast Steam, 18s 3d. Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
GOVT. STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. F. S., 1918	849,200	—	—	4	103½	101	102	4
Do. Inst'rs'ble	580,100	—	—	4	103	103	—	3¾
Do., 1912	3,499,127	—	—	3	88½	80	86	—
Do., 1912	963,997	—	—	3½	97½	96	98	—
Do. deb., 1908	—	—	—	4	101	100	101½	—
Do., I.S., 1923	922,225	—	—	3	91½	...	...	—
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	—	—	3½	99	98	99½	4
Do., T. Bills, 1907	1,000,000	—	—	...	99	—	—	3½
Do. Deb. 1932	999,950	—	—	5	109	—	—	4
Q.D., 1915	...	—	—	4	...	100	101½	—
Q.D., 1925	...	—	—	3½	...	...	...	—
Q.T. Bills	50,000	—	—	4	...	...	...	—
W.E. D., 1913	800,000	—	—	4	103	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1914	...	—	—	4	102	...	...	3½
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...	—	—	5	107	—	—	4½
City Syd. Deb.	293,000	—	—	4	103	—	—	4
Ditto, 1928	80,000	—	—	4	102	—	—	4
Australn. Gas Debentures	—	—	—	4	100	—	101	4
W. Aus. 4 p.c.	—	—	—	—	100	100	—	4
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	—	—	—	—	—
Australasia	1,500,000	40	40	12	85	—	—	14
City	240,000	10	8	4	81	80	—	9½
New Zeal.	160,000	10	8	4	75½	74½	—	9½
Com'l of Aust.	94,592	10	4	4	4 13	4 13	—	—
Ditto pref.	3,117,200	10	10	5	97	96	—	6
Com. Bkg.	4,000,000	20	19½	10	39½	—	—	25½
N. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	6 5	—	—	6
Ditto, pref.	805,786	10	10	5	—	—	—	—
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	15	41½	41	—	4½
New Zealand	427,919	64	34	5	80	—	—	6
St. G'eland	100,000	7	2	3½	11 9	11 6	12 6	—
Q'sland Nat.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal of C.	451,207	—	—	3	56	—	57	—
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	47½	46½	—	4½
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bk.	—	—	—	3	16/11	16/11	17/	3½
Class A	—	—	—	3	12/7	12/7	12/6	4½
Class B	—	—	—	3	9/	9/1	—	6
Ditto Inscr.	788,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1908	637,370	—	—	3½	19/3	18 7½	—	3½
Ditto assets	2,384,393	—	—	3	13/5	13 5	—	4½
B.S.A. Inscr. pref.	998,418	—	—	—	12/9	11 9	—	5
Ditto def.	998,949	—	—	4½	16/6	16/3	—	5½
Ditto Deb.	998,547	—	—	4	16/5	16/3	16/9	4½
Ditto Ter.	99,017	—	—	4	19/10	19/6	—	4½
Q'sland Nat.	3,146,621	—	—	3½	12/1	11 9	—	4½
STEAM. Balmain Ferry	16,420	1	1	5	20/	19/9	20/5	—
Howe'd Smith pref.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5½
Illawarra	80,000	5	5½	6½	20/	20/	20/	6½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	15/9	15/6	—	8
North Coast	131,250	1	17/6	6	18 3	18/	18/3	5½
Sydney Ferries	149,000	1	1	6	41/6	41/6	42/6	—
Do. Jacobs	25,000	20	25½	5½	27/	27/	28/	—
Ditto, Co-op.	8,743	—	1	5	—	—	—	—
INSURANCE. Aust. M. Fire	50,000	1	15/	15½	26/6	26/	—	4½
Aust. Mut.	37,500	1	5/	10½	16/3	16/2	16/6	6
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	35/	—	—	6
N. G'land	80,000	1	1	8	13/	12/	—	6½
Ditto	8,000	1	1	8	—	—	—	—
United	65,000	10	2½	12½	33/6	—	30/	7
Ditto new	5,725	10	12 6	12½	—	—	13/	20
GAS. Albury	7,500	1	12/	10	20/3	20/	—	—
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17½	17/9	17/11	5½
Ch. Towers	20,000	10	10/	1	14/6	—	—	6½
Goulburn	10,000	5	5	8	25/6	—	—	6½
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	—	—	—
Wind Gas	15,500	5	5	7	8	—	—	—
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	12/9	12/9	—	—
Ditto New	8,000	1	10/	7	12/6	12/	—	—
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	16/	17 3	18/	6½
Newcastle	38,986	2	2	15	6	6½	—	—
Ditto	—	—	35/	—	—	—	—	—
North Shore	125,000	1	1	7	26/6	—	27/6	5½
Sth. Brisbane	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ditto pref.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BREWERIES Australian	43,000	10/	10/	5	3/	—	—	—
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	—	1	6	10 3	—	10/6	8
Marshall's	29,701	10	5/	6	10/	3/9	4/	7½
Tooth's	98,000	15½	15/	23½	45/	—	19/	6½
Toohey's	350,000	—	1	6	18 3	18/	19/	6½
Tooth & Co.	900,000	—	1	8	29	—	29/6	5½
MISCELL'NS. Aerogs	17,500	13	10/	5	3/9	3/9	—	—
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	—	5/	—	—	—
B. P. Water Supply	295,000	1	1	10	19/4	—	20/3	10
Borrie, Philp	300,000	1	1	6	18 3	22/	15/	6½
New Investg.	—	—	1	10	8	15/3	15/6	6½
Cel. Sugar	2,000,000	20	10	10	39½	39	39½	5½
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	25/6	—	—	6
Dunlop P. Tire	—	—	1	10	7	—	12/	16/
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	—	2/6	—	—	—
Emu & Prosp.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jenck Gravel	84,000	1	15/	—	8/	8/	8/	—
Federal Coke	12,870	20	20/	7½	—	—	15/	12½
Malt Co.	21,000	1	13/	5½	14/	—	14/	5
Mel. Trams	480,000	10	10/	—	18 14	—	—	—
M. de Pirie	74,144	1	1	10	39	37/	—	5½
Mort's Dk.	200,000	—	1	—	17/	—	17/	—
Ditto Pref.	45,201	1	1	6	19/	—	18 6	6½
Y. Prod. Ice	165,114	1	10/	—	8/	7/9	8/3	—
Shale and Oil	80,000	1	16/6	—	—	—	—	—
New Zealand B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19	—	—	10½
Perm. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	5	3/2	3/2	—	8
Tory, Trus.	25,000	10	5/	10	10/	—	—	5½
Richardson & Wrench	80,000	1	1	5	12/6	—	—	12/6
Silv. Train	107,500	5	2½	20	60/	—	—	5½
Syd. Tramw.	30,000	10	10	10	31½	—	—	6½
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	2/3	—	—	7½
Ditto	87,500	1	10/	10	10/	—	—	13 9
Syd. Hyd. & G. L.	15,000	1	10	10	13 6	13 3	—	7½
Vol. Land Ord	—	—	—	—	128	130	150	—
Hall's Mercantile Agency	12,000	1	20/	10	21/	21/	21/6	9½
Manly Water Chute	—	—	—	—	—	11/	—	—
Ditto, contg.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LAND & BD. Steels. Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haymark. D.	—	—	—	—	17/	—	—	—
Do. shares	—	—	—	—	3	—	16/	12½
Ind. Prov.	47,110	10	20	—	6	—	—	—
Peters. Dairy	36,974	1	1/5	8	15/6	—	—	—
N'castle B.&T.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-year's.

The Stock Exchange will not hold meetings to-morrow (Wednesday), but by way of protest against the holiday the vestibule of the Exchange will be open. The banks, insurance companies, Royal Exchange, and mercantile establishments generally will be closed.

The clearances of the banks of Sydney for the week ended December 14 aggregated £3,788,962, against £2,389,104 in the corresponding week of last year. Since January 1 the clearances have compared with those of several previous years as follows:—

January 1 to December 19, 1898	£122,117,991
January 1 to December 18, 1899	139,040,854
January 1 to December 17, 1900	157,083,378
January 1 to December 15, 1901	156,186,946
January 1 to December 14, 1902	160,919,144
January 1 to December 14, 1903	172,079,624

To date so far since January 1 the clearances are £2,151,480 more than last year. In Melbourne to December 7 the bank clearances aggregated £155,345,615, showing a decrease since the beginning of the year of £4,358,199.

Writers in England are complaining of the long-continued Stock Exchange depression, which the "Financier" declares to be ramifying very exclusively indeed. It is reported, for example, that it tends to curtail and to eclipse the London seasons, and is having *the effect* of limiting expenditure on luxuries and amusements, to the detriment of various important interests. As spare money—and even money which cannot well be spared—has had to be applied to the payment of Stock Exchange differences, fewer parties have been given at the West End, and even fashionable *display* has yielded to comparative dowdiness. This hardly affects the producing side of British enterprise, and on the other side it gives a larger return on new accumulations. The shrinkage, however, has been small as compared with what we have seen in the United States. In Australia our stocks have to a large extent been free from the depression noticed on the other side of the world. Of course depression here occurred years ago, and our stocks may be said to be still suffering a recovery—at any rate such stocks as banks and others, on which a full measure of profitableness will only be obtained on the return of good seasons.

Whatever disqualification there was against the inclusion of Australian stocks in the list of British trustee stocks some years back, when the prices were high, it is noteworthy that there is none now in the case of some which have greatly fallen. For instance, our 4 per cents., maturing in 1933, when over 115 could not have been bought by trustees, because they must not buy stock having over 15 years' currency at a premium exceeding 15 per cent. Now, however, that our 4 per cents. are 108 they have a value as a trustee stock they did not possess before. Similarly some shorter dated Australian securities which were not eligible for trustee investment purposes a few years back have now become so, because they have fallen below par, no stock of currency less than 15 years being eligible for purchase over par. Of course the reason for these restrictions was to safeguard beneficiaries under trusts from loss of principal. It is nevertheless an odd result of the operation of the Act that the less valuable the securities became from a market point of view the more valuable they became as a trustee stock. We think the right given to trustees to invest in these securities has not contributed to their value very much. If it has done so, then it has to be said that the Australian States are even more discredited than appears from the mere differences in the market values of their securities five years ago and at the present time. To the loss represented by the differences must be added the amount by which they are appreciated by the trustee investment provision.

One of the largest concerns in the way of resumption is the water supply of London. The Metropolitan Water Act provides for the taking over of eight companies. The market value of seven of these on December 31, 1901, was £21,772,966, while the price offered for the undertakings was only £7,250,000. On the other hand, the price asked for was £35,929,348, the eighth company, the New River Company, claiming £11,550,000 in addition, as against an amount offered of £3,000,000. A great deal of evidence was being taken to arrive at the result. The easiest way of determination in a case of this kind, it might be thought, was to take the market value well before it was known resumption was intended, and add a percentage for disturbance of investment. The difference between the amount offered and that claimed seems altogether excessive. The debenture stocks of the companies are causing no difficulty, as the Act provides that water stock shall be issued to the debenture-holders of such an amount as is sufficient to produce the sum they had been accustomed to receive for the resumed debentures.

Exhibitions are usually supposed to be of advantage to business people. But it is not always so, for it seems that about 60 firms or companies obtained concessions of space in the Paris Exhibition grounds, or in the neighbourhood, for hotels, side shows, dining-rooms, &c, for the duration of the exhibition only, the subscribed capital exceeding £2,400,000. The greater part of them became bankrupt before or after the close of the exhibition, and few of them could pay any dividend, either as profits or in their liquidation; yet the exhibition itself, according to a *final report just issued by Mr. Alfred Picard*, the Commissioner-General, on the whole gave remunerative results to the promoters. The total receipts amounted to £5,052,726, including the subventions of £800,000 by the State, £800,000 by the city of Paris, and £2,400,000 net raised by the lottery bonds, carrying a *series of admission tickets, issued in advance* of the opening. The expenses are set down at £4,488,028, leaving a gross surplus of over £564,000, which, however, he reduces to £220,000 by keeping a reserve of £60,000 to meet outstanding accounts and claims. He then estimates the indirect gains by which the *metropolis or the country* benefited. The number of visitors he calculates at about 2,600,000 and he supposes that, as they each spent £20 the income would amount to £50,000,000. The taxes produced an increase of £1,800,000, the railways one of £3,200,000 the Paris Octroi £465,240, the Paris theatres £1,000,000. The Bank of France estimates the increase in its business from the exhibition at £33,200,000, while the gold in its cash reserve increased by £18,680,000. The hotels, restaurants, and other places of public resort in Paris benefited in same measure also.

The wool market to-day was, perhaps, a trifle easier as regards inferior wools. At any rate, prices for them were irregular. Light-conditioned wools of good quality were firm. The highest price for greasy was 12½d, and for scoured 20½d. The catalogues comprised 8806 bales, and the quantity sold was 6512 bales.

The businesses of Fraser, Ramsay, and Co., of Melbourne, and G. A. Thompson, of 28 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, are being formed into a proprietary company from March 1 next, under the title of Thompson, Fraser, Ramsay, Proprietary, Limited, with offices at Melbourne, Sydney, Foochow, Colombo, and London.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Soft foreign lead is quoted at £11 6s 4½d per ton.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled a shade easier at 2s 10½d to 2s 11d. The weakness was caused through the receipt of discouraging cables from Mark Lane. Australian wheat for prompt shipment is quoted at 29s 3d per 480lb, c.f.i., which price is, however, not obtainable for forward shipment. The Continental demand is reported to be inactive. Flour was steady at £8 for new local brands.

The imports and exports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney from January 1 to December 12 compare with those for the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Wheat. 1902. Bushels.	Wheat. 1903. Bushels.	Flour. 1902. Tons.	Flour. 1903. Tons.
Imports	647,958	4,629,985	8,024	496.2
Exports	1,661,170	161,766	18,922	18,862
Net imports	—	4,468,172	—	80,571
Net exports	1,043,212	—	10,898	—

Taking the wheat and flour together in terms of bushels of wheat we find that a net importation of 6,016,722 bushels up to date this year compares with a net exportation of 1,588,152 bushels last year. The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended December 15, compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended December 15	549	5
Previous week	3619	202
Last year	11	101

The receipts at wheat and flour during the first 51 statistical weeks of the present year and the preceding seven years are as follow:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 51 weeks in 1896	17,654	7,013
First 51 weeks in 1897	27,197	9,587
First 51 weeks in 1898	19,970	23,697
First 51 weeks in 1899	36,162	15,481
First 51 weeks in 1900	128,722	25,553
First 51 weeks in 1901	236,300	41,097
First 51 weeks in 1902	129,298	27,050
First 51 weeks in 1903	28,414	2,858

The receipts of wheat this week were once more nearly twice as heavy as during any previous week this year.

The receipts of mill offals during the past week, compared with those of the corresponding period of last year, are as follows:—

	Last Year. Tons.	Last Week. Tons.
Bran	29	174
Pollard	19	91

The prices ruling to-day for wheat and its products compare with those ruling 12 months ago as follow:—

	A Year Ago.	To-day.
Wheat, per bushel	£0 5 8 ..	£0 2 11*
Flour, per ton	12 0 0 ..	8 0 0
Bran, per bushel	0 1 7½ ..	0 0 6
Pollard, per bushel	0 1 9 ..	0 0 9

* New wheat. **New flour.

At the corresponding date of 1901 the prices of the leading lines were:—Wheat, 3s 11d; flour, £7; bran, 9d; and pollard, 11d per bushel.

IMPORT MARKET.

Trade was quite depressed to-day in all departments. In the absence of sales of note no changes in wholesale prices can be advised. Nor were any material changes cabled from markets abroad. The continuance of the cricket match, coupled with the fact of its being mail day, tended to add to the prevailing dullness.

Tea.—No large sales were noted, there being no quotable alteration in rates.

Sugar.—Prices remained on the basis of the Sugar Company's tariff.

Groceries.—Small parcels of Christmas goods changed hands at prices that exhibit no variation from those lately quoted.

Dried Fruits.—A good deal of activity prevailed in these lines, but the parcels moving off were not generally large.

Brewers' Goods.—The demand in this branch was rather slow. English malt met with a limited demand at 8s 6d to 9s. Victorian sold at 8s 6d to 9s, according to quantity. There were inquiries for New Zealand hops, quotations for which ranged from 9d per lb to 10d. Bismarck was steady firm at 7½d, no sales being reported. Choice kents were placed at 2s 4d to 2s 6d. Californians were quoted at 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Isinglass had a restricted inquiry. Braid lump at 4s 3d for best quality; Penang leaf 4s 6d to 5s, and Bombay leaf and pipe at 2s 10d to 4s per lb.

Oils.—The demand for kerosene was reported as being just about normal, with no material change in rates cabled from New York. Turpentine was firm, sold steadily at 3s 9½d cash. Linseed and Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s linseed oil remained dull at 3s 2d and 3s 4d for raw and boiled. White lead was less active at £27 10s and £28 10s for Champion's cwts. and quarters, with lower prices for other brands.

Jute Goods.—Steady business was done with the country in cornsacks at 5s 9d, parcels being obtainable at a shade less. Brambags were firm but quiet at 3s 7d.

Return of produce received at Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, Newtown, Sydney, and Clyde, per rail, for the week ending December 15:—Butter, 601 kegs, 7247 cases; cheese, 893 cases; eggs, 635 cases; bacon, 1 bag, 4 sides; hay, 62 trucks; chaff, 240 trucks; wool, 17,463 bales; sheepskins, 789 bales; wheat, 6722 tons; flour, 542 tons; oats, 173 tons; barley, 54 tons; maize, 22 tons; meal, 21 tons; potatoes, 77 tons; bran, 174 tons; pollard, 91 tons.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £15,230. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £3104; narcotics, £1391; sugar, £469; agricultural products and groceries, £2186; apparel and textiles, £1682; metals and machinery, £469; oils, paints, and varnishes, £172; earthenware, cement, &c., £59; drugs and chemicals, £67; wood, wicker, and cane, £157; jewellery and fancy goods, £441; leather and rubber, £474; paper and stationery, £125; vehicles, £81; musical instruments, £72; miscellaneous, £296; harbour and light dues, £143; pilotage, £64; excise on spirits, £178; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1093; excise on beer, £273; excise on sugar, £2585.

EXPORT MARKET.

Frozen meat for Manila.—The Minister for Agriculture has received a report from Mr. J. B. Suttor, the New South Wales Commercial Agent in the East, written from Manila, in which he forwards copies of specifications for 6,000,000 lbs of frozen fresh beef, and 480,000 lbs of best frozen mutton, required by the United States Army in Manila. Mr. Suttor writes:—"I cannot get any reliable information as to freights, but am informed that rates range from 12s 6d to 20s per ton, and that insurance is from 2½ per cent. to 3½ per cent. for frozen products. New South Wales meat stands in very high repute at Manila. Only the other day his Excellency the Governor spoke in the highest terms of our products. If New South Wales can only manage to obtain the next contract it will give us a good footing in Manila." Tenders will be opened on March 19 next, and should be addressed to Colonel Henry S. Sharpe, A.C.G., U.S. Army Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I.

Trade with Port Darwin.—Mr. J. B. Suttor has also written to the Minister for Agriculture in regard to the trade of Port Darwin. He says that while travelling north he called at this port, and while there could not but help remarking the special steps that were being made by the various Australian States to capture the northern trade. The mining industry of the Northern Territory had a very hopeful outlook, and the South Australian Government intended shortly starting a reverberatory smelting works at the Daly River. Port Darwin was therefore likely to become in future a very important mining centre, and even at the present time it should not be neglected, and an endeavour should be made to introduce New South Wales products. Mr. Suttor noted that large consignments of buffalo hides were being consigned from Port Darwin to Hongkong, and thence on to England and America. Mr. Suttor cannot see why New South Wales tanners should allow such hides to be exported, there being no better hides obtainable, if properly tanned.

Dairying Conference at Montreal.—Mr. Suttor forwarded some particulars of a rather important meeting of butter and cheese salesmen recently held at Montreal, at which the following resolutions were agreed to:—"Finest creamery butter shall be butter made in a creamery under the system known as the centrifugal or separator process; fine known as the centrifugal or separator process; favour shall be sweet, clean, and fresh; body good and uniform, and not loose-made or watery; must contain not less than 16 per cent. of moisture to conform to the law in England; colour fine and uniform, should be straw-coloured or pale, but not white or lardy; salt, there must not be over 3 per cent., unless by special arrangement; package, boxes must be strong, well-made of well-seasoned wood, properly parafined, of a uniform capacity of 56lb, clean, and in good condition for shipping; tubs must be strong, neat, and of uniform size. Pure vegetable parchment paper of not less than 40lb to the ream must be used for lining all packages." At the meeting it was pointed out that 56lb boxes were found to be the most profitable, and enabled retailers to cut their butter much more neatly. Grading of butter was also referred to, but was not regarded as desirable, as the No. 1 of to-day might be No. 3 next week. In regard to cheese the following points were laid down:—Flavour clean and pure; body close, good, and well-cured; texture, silky, solid, and meaty; finish, good shape, and fairly uniform in size, neat in finish, with good rinds and clean surface; boxes must be strong and well fitting.

Butter and cheese exports.—The following comparison may be made of the receipts of butter and cheese by rail during last week and those of the corresponding week of last year:—

	Last Year.	Last Week.
Butter, kegs	87	64
Butter, cases	6768	7717
Cheese, cases	185	395

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day, 2250 bales of wool were manifested to arrive, 2043 bales arrived coastwise, and at Newcastle on Tuesday 24 bales were received.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Silverton Trams, 5s, h 5s 6d, s 5s 6d.

A further weakening tendency was noticeable in wheat to-day. Buying limits were dropped generally, and 2s 10d to 2s 11d was quoted where delivery was during December. Flour met with a fairly good attention from 27 17s 6d to £8. Bran is worth 5l0 to 6l0; pollard, 8l to 9l. Chaff is quoted at £2 10s f.o.b. Some attention was given during the day to dried apricots, small lots of which came to hand from Renmark. Association prices have not yet been fixed. The outlook is for a large crop. Five tons of colonial currants changed hands at late rates. Mount Gambier oatmeal will not be available until about February. In the meanwhile only a small business is passing.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, s 6s 6d; Queensland National Bank, h 11s 9d; Queensland 3½ per cent. loan, s £95; Castlemaine Brewery, sales 6s 3d.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cents (1921-1960), £88; Victorian 3 per cents, 1923-1932, £88 10s; English, Scottish, and Australian deferred inscribed stock, 10s 9d; United Insurance, new issue, 19s 3d; Melbourne Trams, 19s 6d; Silverton Trams, 5s, 5s 6d; Swallow and Ariell, 3s 4d.

A large business was done in wheat for early delivery to-day at 2s 11d to 2s 11½d, and a considerable quantity has been secured for January delivery at 2s 10½d. Wheat for this week's delivery is quoted at 2s 11½d; bran, 5l 5d; pollard, up to 6l 5d; new barley, 3s 1d to 3s 3d; medium, 2s 8d to 2s 7d; Cape barley, 1s 7d; Algerian oats, 1s 1d to 1s 4½d; maize, 2s 8d. Prime chaff is firm at 50s to 52s 6d; potatoes, £3; onions, £3 5s to £3 10s.

Yellow tarry sold at 10s; rations up to £16 5s. Business in tea covers 110 chests Indian at 8d to 1s; 100 quarter-chests fine S.O. Pekoe. Good sales of provincial currants were made at about 4d; imported estanzas, 6d to 6½d. Muscatels are selling freely at 6½d. Several hundred boxes of tinplates s.d. 28 cases of G.C. iron were placed. A good business was done in fencing wire. Considerable sales of Bissell oil were made. Business was done in Champion's whitelead.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The steamer Wellowra sailed yesterday for Sydney with 168 bags oats, 500 bags chaff, 124 cases jams, 55 cases fruit.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Tuesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Transactions in produce to-day along the street were characterised by a firmer tone, though not to any extent. Stocks generally are large, and local demands find it difficult to keep pace with them; indeed, in some lines the supplies altogether overlap the inquiry, leaving a substantial margin. More particularly is this the case in regard to butter and cheese, but the large export trade in the former keeps that market fairly clear and prices settled. Cheese, however, has not this advantage, and the market is being glutted with the copious supplies which are continually coming on the local market. The standard of quality, however, is not very high. The bulk of it is rather new, and sells at as low as 4d lb. The proximity of Christmas makes itself felt in the fowl business, and in consequence supplies moved off with great freedom at sustained rates. A brisk turnover was transacted in bran and pollard at prices quoted at 6½d and 9d bushel respectively. Chaff was still further improved to-day, an advance of 2s 6d being made. To some extent this was owing to the smaller quantity under offer. No imported oaten hay was to hand, and for the locally produced the inquiry was very poor. Straw continued to the usual regular business, and no difficulty was found in disposing of this product at late rulings. Lucerne was found on the slow basis prevailing during the past week, but prime quality makes were very scarce. The Newcastle steamer arrived to-day with 251 bales, mostly of medium makes. The maize market appeared to be a trifle easier, with unsettled conditions; for prime river grain 3s bushel was asked. Three truck-loads arrived by rail to-day, but, bidding not being encouraging, the whole of it was passed in. In chickwheat a good call was made, with prices a little easier than yesterday's footing. Oats were in fair stock, and obtained a good share of attentions. The following prices were brought up to 2s 2d, while the highest price for local sorts to-day was is 9½d bushel. The potato market showed no improvement on the wharf, but at Redfern this morning an advance was made of 10s ton. On the wharf prices ranged at from 42s to £2 10s, while for Hunter River Early Rose £2 to £3 5s ton was obtained. Onions, though not in heavy supply, received only a moderate amount of attention at prices ruling much the same as yesterday. Fruit was much neglected, and while low prices are maintained for butter no change to better business is anticipated.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, best 9d, flitches 8½d to 8¾d, middles 10½d to 11d; Wiltshire Castle, mild-cured sides 9d to 9½d, middles 11d; Bodalla, sides 9d, middles 10½d, flitches 9d; Federal, sides 9d; Hicks', sides 9½d, flitches 8¾d; Daisy brand, 9½d; "B" in circle, sides 9½d, flitches 9¼d, middles 11d; Pinesplo, sides 9½d, flitches 9¼d, middles 11d. Hams: Local hams, in cloth, 13½d to 14d, small weights 1s 1d; "B" in circle, 1s 2d; New Zealand, 1s; Pinesplo, 1s 1½d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Daisy, 1s. Christmas delivery 1s 1d: Bodalla, 1s; New Zealand, 1s to 1s 1d lb.

Cheese.—Very dull. Local, choice loaf 5½d, prime 5d, prime large 5d, new from 4d; Kameruka Cheddar 7½d, Bodalla 8d lb.

Butter.—Quiet. Pasteurised 8½d, prime 8d to 8½d, good to 7½d, inferior to 6½d lb.

Eggs.—Northern eggs 10d to 11d, South 11d to 1s, new-laid hens' 1s to 1s 2d, ducks' 1s 1d to 1s 2d.

POULTRY.

Poultry.—River: Fowls 2s 9d to 4s 3d, hens, 4s to 4s 9d, young roosters 4s 3d to 5s, choice heavy 5s 6d to 6s; English river ducks, 4s to 4s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river 4s to 4s 6d, drakes, small from 5s 6d, geese, 7s to 9s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, good to 10s, choice to 20s, hens 7s 6d to 9s; guinea fowls, 4s to 5s.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Red bran was quoted at 5½d, and white 6d to 6½d; red pollard 8½d, and white 9d.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Quick sale. Local: Prime £3 5s to £3 15s, medium £2 12s 6d to £3 2s 6d. Melbourne: Prime, £3 10s to £3 15s. Adelaide: £3 2s to £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £5. Local: Scarce. Prime, £3 5s to £4 2s 6d, inferior £2 5s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s; New Zealand, £3 10s ton.

Lucerne.—Quiet sale. Wharf: Best available £2 10s, good £2 5s, inferior from £1. Redfern: Prime in small bales £2 15s, large bales £1 10s, prime in truss £2 2s 6d to £2 7s 6d ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Scarce. English and Cape, feed 2s to 2s 8d, seed 2s 4d to 2s.

Maize.—Rather slow. Local: Market unsettled. Yellow prime, 3s. Argentine: Prime cleaned 2s 10d, ordinary 2s 6d, medium 2s 3d to 2s 5d bus.

Peas.—Grey, 4s to 4s 3d; blue, 3s 9d to 4s bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior 2s to 2s 3d, medium 2s 7d to 2s 8d, and full grain 3s 1½d.

Oats.—Tasmanian: Prime feed 2s to 2s 2d. New Zealand: Heavy 2s 3d, inferior from 1s 6d. Local: Algerian 1s 5d, sherra 1s 9½d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: New Kerrsdarts, prime redskins, £3. Local: New Clarence River, prime £2 to £2 10s. Redfern: Prime £2 10s to £3; Hunter River, £2 to £2 5s, a few lots £2 7s 6d. Ballarat: Old, 10s to £3 ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Local: Good new £3 to £3 7s 6d, medium £2 10s to £2 17s 6d ton; large rough 1s 6d cwt. Hunter River: From 1s bag to £2 ton.

Honey.—Choice 5d, good 2½d, inferior 2d to 2¾d for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—None available.

Beeswax.—Choice, clear 1s 1d, other sorts 1s lb.

Lard.—Slow. Bulk 4d to 5d, bladders 5½d to 6d lb.

WOOD MARKET.

Wood.—Best foot wood 12s to 15s, medium 10s to 11s 6d, rough 6s 9d to 8s 9d; bakers' splits 10s to 11s; sticks 10s ton.

REDFERN SALES.

The amount of produce forward for auction sale at the Redfern terminus markets this morning was not of the same volume as that which has been pouring in daily during the past few weeks.

Chaff was well received, and prices benefited to the extent of about 5s ton on yesterday's quotations. Prime well-cut lots realised from 3s 5d to 3s 10d, and medium from 2s 7d to 3s 2d cwt. Lucerne was well forward, but rates ruled a trifle easier. Good green makes in small bales brought 2s 9d, large bales 1s 6d, and two lots made up in trusses were knocked down at 1s 6d cwt. A single truck of oaten hay realised 2s 5d cwt. Wheat was under

THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE DEFENCE ACT PROCLAMATION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Members of all branches of the Defence forces will learn with regret that the proclamation of the Defence Act has been deferred. The Act was to have come into force on January 1, and the operation of uniform conditions for the whole Commonwealth was anticipated with much satisfaction. Owing, however, to the great amount of work involved in drafting the regulations postponement of the date has been inevitable. This means that the control of the forces will continue for some time under six separate Defence Acts of the States.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Executive Council meeting held to-day approved of the appointment of the Prince of Wales as Colonel-in-Chief of the Australian Light Horse, which consists of 18 regiments.

QUEENSLAND AND THE BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Treasurer, Mr. Kidson, in the course of an interview to-day said there seemed to be a misunderstanding in regard to what he stated concerning the customs revenue and the loss Queensland suffers through the bookkeeping system. He declared it incorrect to say that Queensland suffered from the adoption of the Federal tariff. The customs revenue had fallen off, and the Treasurer was inconvenienced accordingly, but the money the Treasurer was short of was left in the pockets of the people, so that the State as a whole was not injured. The falling off in the Queensland customs revenue since federation resulted from three causes—namely, interstate free-trade, reduced duties on certain oversea imports, such as tea, and shrinkage in the consumption of dutiable goods consequent on the general depression of the last three years. It was difficult to calculate what proportion of the decrease was attributable to each of the three causes named, but whatever the amount was it is still true that Queensland did not suffer that loss or any loss from such goods. The impression prevailing that Queensland suffered injustice and loss from the working of the bookkeeping system was quite erroneous. He declared that the system operated equitably. No State had a right to complain. The Queensland Treasury had been credited for every penny of duty which Queensland taxpayers had paid since federation. Referring to Sir William Lyne's proposal for Queensland to accept a lump sum of £125,000 annually, until the end of the bookkeeping period, Mr. Kidson said it would entail great loss on Queensland, and give a corresponding amount to New South Wales. Under the present bookkeeping system Queensland was credited with what they actually paid, and they could not afford to accept an arrangement which gave them less at the end of the bookkeeping period. If the per capita system were adopted, provided it could be applied to the whole revenue and expenditure of the Commonwealth, and the balance distributed per head of Australian population, that would be quite another matter; but, Mr. Kidson concluded, until that was proposed it was to be hoped that Queensland would stick to the bookkeeping system, unless it was assured at least that she got credit for the customs duty her people actually paid.

DISSATISFACTION IN MILITARY SERVICE.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Subordinates in the military staff office do not seem to regard their positions as sinecures. For some time the employees have been dissatisfied at the immense amount of work they have been called upon to do. The pressure has been so great that six days per week have been insufficient for its accomplishment, and oftentimes members of the staff have been engaged on Sundays as well. Staff instructors, in addition to working the usual office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, have to put in several evenings per week in corps instruction and other duties, and other officers and clerks have had much nightwork. It is generally held that when this is the case some arrangement ought to be made that Sunday should be a free day at any rate. The dissatisfaction has become so acute in the case of one old member, Warrant-officer Harrington, who has been employed as clerk to Captain De Passey in connection with the Light Horse work, that he has forwarded his resignation. The officer is well known to all the forces, and worked hard in connection with training of contingents for South Africa.

VICTORIA.

AN ACT OF CLEMENCY.

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

An announcement was recently made that the State Government had decided on an act of clemency with regard to certain employees who, being members of organisations affiliated with the Trades Hall council, other than the Engine-drivers' and Firemen's Association, had disobeyed an order of the Acting Commissioner in May last, and were accordingly removed from the service. It was intimated that if the Commissioners saw fit to reinstate any of the men who applied, no objection would be raised. Mr. Tait and his colleagues have now notified that the following ex-employees will be re-engaged:—Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees: T. Cotter, repairer; W. H. Hulse, clerk; H. Johnson, labourer; L. Munro, wireman; J. P. Patterson, repairer; W. Phelan, signalman; E. T. Sheeran, striker; W. Sinclair, fitter. Carriage Builders' Society: James Grant, carriage builder; A. K. Walton, carriage builder.

At the wool sales to-day the catalogue was large and representative, and the market animated. The selling brokers do not quote any further advance in prices, but any change was certainly in the sellers' favour.

The butter shipments from Melbourne by the R.M.S. China to-day amounted to 546 tons.

The shipment of gold from Melbourne by the R.M.S. China to-day amounted to £15,035.

LATE MINING.

STANNARY HILLS COMPANY.

MEETING OF DEBENTURE STOCK HOLDERS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

A largely-attended meeting of the Debenture Stockholders of the Stannary Hills Company was held to-day, Mr. W. Herbert Phillips presiding. The chairman explained that the meeting had been called to obtain sanction to the issue of a further £30,000 of debenture stock, ranking as regards security pari passu with the existing debenture stock, but redeemable in four years, with the right to the company to pay off at any time after two years on giving three months' notice, and carrying interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. The company owed about £40,000 beyond the debenture stock at present issued, but creditors to the extent of £25,000 were prepared to extend the time for the payment of their advances for two years, and the proceeds of the proposed new issue would be applied in the first place to the payment of pressing trade conditions, and afterwards to the extinction or reduction of the bank overdraft and development of the mine. It had been suggested that it would be better to reconstruct the company, but the idea had been carefully considered by the directors, who were in the best position to judge, and the scheme now submitted to the meeting was considered by the directors much preferable.

COBAR CHESNEY COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cobar Chesney Company was held to-day. Mr. James Grice (chairman of directors), in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that though there was nothing new to report, the directors hoped the large bodies of ore in the mine would soon be turned to profit. It was expected that Mr. Warren's report and advice with regard to the treatment of the ore would be received shortly. Mr. Warren had expressed an emphatic opinion that the ore could be successfully dealt with. The company had now a selling power of about £21,000, and the board thought another call of 4½d per share would put concentrating in order. They thought that with the mill running they would be able to make a profit of £200 per week. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

DEPARTURE OF THE SUEVIC.

The White Star liner Suevic, one of the 12,500 t.m steamers engaged in the Australian service of the White Star line, will be despatched at noon punctually to-day from Miller's Point for London, via Capetown and ports. The Suevic maintains the reputation of the White Star steamers for extensive passenger lists, for upwards of 140 persons will join her at Sydney, and there is a large number of bookings at Melbourne and other southern ports. The more notable lines amongst a very large cargo from Sydney are 8200 bales of wool, 200 tons of oil and tallow, 330 tons of silver ore, 200 tons of lead, 250 tons of copra, 297 packages of kauri gum, 500 cases of meats, 2250 boxes of butter, and 1000 crates of rabbits and hares, in addition to a considerable quantity of sundry lines. The Suevic is due to leave Melbourne on the 24th inst, where she is to load a big cargo, included in which will be at least 10,000 bales of wool.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson entertained the following guests at dinner at State Government House, Rose Bay, last evening:—His Excellency Vice-Admiral Fanshawe and Mrs. Fanshawe, Miss Fanshawe, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Miss Blyth, Miss Starkey, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Lord Richard Nevill, Mr Warner, Mr. Beauaquet, Flag-Lieutenant A. E. F. Bedford, Miss Rawson, Mr. H. H. Share, R.N. (private secretary), Captain Leslie Wilson, A.D.C., and Captain Robertson Clark, A.D.C.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BOWMER, J.P.

On Monday afternoon last the remains of the late Mr. John Bowmer, J.P., were laid to rest in the Woronora Cemetery. The deceased gentleman had been ailing for some time past, and death, which was not unexpected, occurred at his late residence, Burton-street, Rockdale, on Sunday last. The remains were interred in the Methodist portion of the cemetery, the burial service being conducted by the Rev. M. Maddern, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Waddell. The wreaths were numerous and representative of a large number of prominent citizens, including the member for the district, Hon. J. H. Carruthers, leader of the State Opposition. The chief mourners were Mrs. J. Bowmer, widow, and Messrs. John Bowmer, jun, Ben. Bowmer, Joe Bowmer, and Alfred Bowmer, sons, and Meadames J. Napper, Reuter, Lamway, and W. Napper, daughters, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Among the public men present were the Mayor of Rockdale (Alderman J. H. Trevarthen), Aldermen Gibson, Green, Judd, and W. C. Hinwood (council clerk), representing Rockdale Council. The late Mr. John Bowmer was one of the early pioneers of the district of St. George. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1827, and emigrated to New South Wales in 1852. In 1862 he bought land at Muddy Creek, Cook's River, in the centre of the then municipal district of West Botany. When he commenced agricultural pursuits in that district only a few market gardeners and farmers composed the entire population. Now it is one of the most thickly populated suburbs around Sydney. The deceased gentleman acted for over 40 years as lay preacher of the Methodist Church, and but for his services the people of the district would during a great part of the time, owing to the scarcity of ministers, have been almost entirely without religious ministration. In 1875 he was elected an alderman of the West Botany municipality. He was chosen Mayor in 1878, and was re-elected seven consecutive times. In 1888 he resigned his position as an alderman, after about 13 years of faithful service. He was a trustee of Scarborough and Cook parks. He was also a member of the local school board for many years. He held the position of returning officer for the district of St George up to the time of his death.

Miss Ada Crossley has already earned the reputation of contriving to fit in two days' work into every 24 hours. This characteristic was very noticeable on Monday night. Between her songs at the Town Hall, when a less energetic songstress would have rested, she posed for Miss Mabelle Blanche Edmonds for a black and white sketch. The work of this young artist having strongly appealed to Miss Crossley's artistic taste, she determined that she would take the only opportunity that presented itself to secure a souvenir of her visit to Sydney, which she declares has so many pleasant recollections.

Mrs. H. Finn desires us to intimate that she will be unable to receive visitors to-morrow in view of her early departure for Tasmania.

Miss Collins, who has held the position of mistress of the Superior Public School, Petersham, since its opening, has been granted six months' leave of absence.

The death was announced yesterday of Juliat Catherine Campbell, relict of the late Chief Justice Campbell, of Mauritius. The deceased lady, who was 73 years of age, had for some time past resided with her daughter, Mrs. A. Travers, at Johnston-street, Balmain, where she died.

The funeral of the late Mr. Archibald Campbell, M.L.A. for Illawarra, took place at Wollongong yesterday afternoon, and was the largest seen in the district for many years. It was over a mile long. The cortege, which proceeded from his late residence, Airlie, comprised the town band, the fire brigade, the Mayor and aldermen, the "Illawarra Mercury" staff, mourning coaches, and the general public. The ceremony at the grave was a most impressive one. It was conducted by the Revs. George Campbell (of Burwood), Walter Mathieson (of Croydon), Harris (of Geerringong), and G. D'Arcy Irvine (of Wollongong). Numerous wreaths were forwarded, amongst the senders being the trustees of Stuart Park, Wollongong Benevolent Society, Wollongong A. H. and I. Association, Lodge Illawarra (Masonic) of Wollongong, committee of the Wollongong School of Arts, Borough Council, "Illawarra Mercury" staff, and Wollongong Superior Public School.

A complimentary social was tendered at Bathurst on Monday night to Mr. W. J. C. Ross, head master of the Bathurst Technical College, by students, ex-students, and citizens, prior to his departure for Sydney, where he has been promoted to a position in the Technical College. The Mayor (Alderman Ennis) presided, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. A. Rutherford, the Revs. J. Kinghorn and R. Eyton, M.A., Dr. Machattie, and others. During the evening the Mayor presented, on behalf of the citizens and students, Mrs. Ross with a piece of silver plate, and Mr. Ross with a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Ross suitably responded.

Among the passengers by the island steamer Ysabel, due at Sydney on Sunday next, are:—Mr. C. M. Woodford, British Resident Commissioner in the Solomon Islands, Captain Ernest Eason, R.N., British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides Group, accompanied by his secretary (Mr. E. A. Seagoe), Rev. J. Thompson, of the Queensland Kanaka Mission, stationed at the Island of Pentecost, Captain Burns, master of the schooner Ivanhoe, which was wrecked on a reef in the Solomons, and subsequently refloated, Mr. Frank Farnell, M.L.A., honorary visiting magistrate to Lord Howe Island, Mr. W. P. Shipway, Mr. Samuel Atkinson, of the Shortland Islands, accompanied by Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. W. H. Pope, of Aola (Solomon Islands), Mr. Kerr, a member of the firm of Messrs. Kerr Bros., of Port Vila, New Hebrides, Mr. H. P. Abbott, one of the passengers of the ill-fated steamer Ovalau, but who broke his journey at Norfolk Island before disaster overtook the vessel, Rev. Faithful Davies, from Norfolk Island, and the Misses Searl (3), from Norfolk Island.

A notable compliment was paid the Rev. J. M. Landau, yesterday, when he was presented by the Lord Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes), on behalf of the citizens of Sydney, with a handsome address, in album form, expressing their deep regret at his departure. The whole scope of the rev. gentleman's popularity and esteem can be gathered from the fact that the address bore the names of the city's leading citizens in religious, parliamentary, municipal, consular, university, medical, commercial, and social paths of life. The chairman, in making the presentation, said that with the departure of the Rev. J. H. Landau Sydney was losing one of its best type of citizens, one who had not only realised the highest duties of citizenship, but who had taken part in every movement that had for its object the amelioration of the lot of less fortunate citizens. While being prominent in every church movement, he had wisely avoided setting class against class or race against race. In whatever land the rev. gentleman might live, he felt sure he would always earn the love and affection of its people, and he (the Lord Mayor) hoped that the Rev. J. H. Landau would always preserve kindly remembrances of the citizens of New South Wales. The recipient, in feelingly acknowledging the gift, expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred on him. His life and work in Sydney had been singularly happy. The esteem and love of the members of the Jewish community, and the manifestations of goodwill from representatives of other religious denominations, would always be a source of inspiration and gratification.

At the Australian Unitarian Church a conversazione was held last night in honour of Rabbi and Mrs. Landau. Addresses, in commendation of the excellent work rendered to the community at large by the guests of the evening, were delivered by Rev. George Walters, by Mr. Walter D. Benjamin, Mr. Donald, and others. Rabbi Landau, in response, made an eloquent speech, which met with much acceptance from the large audience assembled. A number of musical items were rendered during the proceedings.

In 20 years the consumption of beer in Germany has doubled. It is now 125 litres a year per head of the whole population.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The weekly meeting of the Kensington Racing Club will be held to-day. In addition to the ordinary service, special trams will leave Bent-street at 12.45, 12.55, 1.0, 1.5, 1.12, 1.15, 1.24, 1.36, and 1.55 p.m., and from the Railway Institute, Castlereagh and Devonshire streets, at 12.58, 1.13, 1.28, and 1.40 p.m. Special lines of omnibuses will also run. Arrangements have been made for posting the results of the cricket match at frequent intervals in the paddock and Leger reserve.

Mechlin, out of the Hurdle Race, and Bulli, from the High-weight Handicap, were the scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. meeting to be held on Saturday.

The name of the six-year-old bay gelding by Corinth—Mantilla has been altered to Again.

Jockeys' and trainers' tickets will be issued for the December meeting of the A.J.C. up to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Permission to ride in races has been granted to Denis Callinan. Jockeys' licenses have also been issued to Joseph Hurley and E. M. Fisher.

Entries for the Brighton Club's pony and galloway race meeting, to be held on Friday next, close with the secretary (Mr. S. Peters) at 5 p.m. to-day.

A deputation from the New South Wales Trotting Club, consisting of M. J. Moriarty (president), Mr. J. Barnes, and the secretary, waited upon the directors of the Kensington Racing Club yesterday with reference to certain matters connected with the welfare of trotting. The various questions were discussed in a very friendly and amicable spirit. The directors intimated that their decision would be forwarded to the club next week.

A meeting of the Molong Jockey Club was held on Monday, when it was decided to hold two days' meeting in March next. The meeting also resolved to erect a grand stand in the saddling paddock. Subsequently Major Claude Smith entertained the committee at a champagne supper at the Royal Hotel. The club has a credit balance in hand of about £30.

Our Melbourne corespondent telegraphs that Artillerist has been withdrawn from the V.A.T.C. Juvenile Stakes.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

AIR MOTOR GOES WELL.

Nothing of a very sensational nature transpired at Randwick yesterday morning, though there was a good amount of interesting work done. The course proper was opened for work outside three hurdles, and it was in excellent order. Idolise opened the ball with five furlongs in 1m 8½s. Thetford and Postea knocked off six furlongs in 1m 22s, and finished a long way in front of Frontier and Sainfoin. Grattondelly and Refuge Bay rattled over the back five furlongs, a fast course, in 1m 5⅗s, and Belmore II. ran half a mile at top speed. Faithful began at the mile and a quarter post, and finished at the half mile post, running six furlongs in 1m 19⅘s, and carrying a fair weight. Neruda, with a very small boy in the saddle, led Faithful for the greater part of the journey, but the latter got on terms at the finish, and won by a length. Fanfare, with Bradshaw in the saddle, galloped a mile in her very best form. Going off at a good pace she ran the first four furlongs in 52⅘s, accounted for the full journey in 1m 49s, and finished well. Great Scot's brother, Scot Free, was too good for Diamond Grain in a run over half a mile, both occupying 53s. Uneasy was striding nearly full speed for a mile, and there was not much to choose between Bottletree and Suivre at the end of six furlongs, run in 1m 21s. Panama beat Loch Leven by several lengths over a mile and a quarter in 2m 25s, and Overdale escorted the two-year-old Zythos over five furlongs in 1m 7⅘s, after which Air Motor, with Osborne in the saddle, registered the best gallop of the morning. Beginning somewhat slowly, she soon warmed up to her work, and, running the middle half-mile of the trip in 52s, accounted for the full mile in 1m 47s.

Florette had a slight call over Hadrian at the end of half a mile, run in 53s, and Hadrian went on for a furlong extra. Blue Black gave a Cydnus gelding three lengths start, and finished on terms with him at the end of six furlongs, for which 1m 20⅘s was recorded. Fraleen ran a mile in 1m 49s, a gallop which Sir Leonard just equalled with Bradshaw in the saddle. Mangosteen was running all over Sarto in a gallop over five furlongs, which were left behind in 1m 7s: Nous and Walkato started with the aforementioned pair, but were outpaced all the way. Firewater placed nine furlongs to her credit in 2m 7s; and Berthier rattled over six furlongs stylishly in 1m 20⅘s. From a standing start Dorrel ran half a mile 53⅘s, easily beating Genashok; and a useful six furlongs gallop was executed by Mark. Cherson had very much more to say than a friend in a run over six furlongs, which he left astern in 1m 20⅘s. Donovan had a decided call over Rue Royale at the business end of a mile, run in 1m 51⅘s; while Wakefield, the Malvolio-Treason mare, and Diamonds finished a mile as written, at two-length intervals, in 1m 51s. His Majesty beat Bellum over half a mile in 55s; and Bassini ran a mile in 1m 49s. Ben Hur easily beat Lantier over a similar distance in 1m 54⅘s, while useful work went down to Wollogorang, Kensington, and Marton.

The tan was also in excellent order. Keeping out against the fence Famous, assisted by a couple of friends at intervals, ran a mile in 1m 48⅘s, and Benevenuto was going much better than Kelp at the right end of six furlongs, run in 1m 20s. Antique strode along for a mile at a useful pace, and T.A.S. was not extended to gallop the round in 2m 37s. Bowman and Sarah Jane were together at the finish of half a mile, run in 54s, and Signature ran the round in 2m 24s, while Carrageen was not fully extended to show 1m 37s for the last seven furlongs of a mile, a distance which Sequence, carrying the light-weight jockey Hough, ran in 1m 49s. The famous son of Far Niente was shod with leather shoes in front, and pulled up a trifle lame. Watchfire, with the inside running, was level with Dumont, who beat Bridegroom by half a length at the end of a round run in 2m 20s, the trio being ridden out vigorously. Strepera was schooled over the hurdles, and, after refusing the first set, his rider managed to get him over four, but the horse jumped slovenly and sulkily.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The following weights have been issued for the Kensington Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting which takes place to-day.

Fifteen Hands Handicap, ½f.—Goodwin, 9st; Bismarck, 8st 12lb; Veronica, 8st 12lb; Dandelion, 8st 12lb; Kola, 8st 3lb; Bluecap, 8st; Sarsaparilla II., 8st; The Martin, 8st; Triwood, 7st 12lb; Mazarine, 7st 9lb; Dart, 7st 6lb; Coral, 7st 4lb; Tot Sharp, 7st; Ennismore, 7st 4lb; Molly Riley, 7st 4lb; Friendless, 7st; Armagh, 7st; Spirea, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 5f.—Alice, 9st 3lb; Rosepark, 8st 12lb; Noble Lady, 8st 8lb; Sea Shell, 8st 7lb; Vixen, 8st 4lb; Stephanie, 8st 12lb; Clare, 7st 11lb; Dolly, 7st 8lb; Force, 7st 7lb; Mulette, 7st 6lb; Hipbah, 7st.

Trial Stakes, 4½f.—Portrait, 8st 5lb; Royd, 8st; Merveilla, 8st; J.O., 7st 9lb; Amazon, 7st 7lb; Martiana, 7st 5lb; Sparrow, 7st 5lb; Gerry Gulnare, 7st; La Rose, 7st; Mute, 7st; Botheration, 7st; Yelnacam, 7st.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 5f.—Miss Chetwynd, 8st 5lb; Linda, 8st; Rene, 8st; Ladybird, 7st 9lb; Laura, 7st 8lb; Myanee, 7st 7lb; Ayah, 7st.

Welter (14.2) Handicap, 4½f.—Satania, 10st 10lb; Miss Beauchamp, 10st 3lb; Florrie, 10st; Pearlash, 9st 11lb; Bliss, 9st 10lb; Defender, 9st 7lb; Kilmeny, 9st; Sunrise, 8st 12lb; Sparrow, 8st 5lb; First Aid, 8st 3lb; Rivulet, 8st; Lola, 8st; Minnie, 8st; Sandhill, 8st; Forget-me-Not, 8st; Wakeful, 8st.

Kensington Handicap, 1m.—Trinket, 8st 12lb; Rosebank, 8st 2lb; The Martin, 7st 13lb; Snowden, 7st 10lb; Cora Lynne, 7st 8lb; Jessie Agnes, 7st 3lb; Carnation, 7st 2lb; Nat Gould, 7st 3lb; Romloch, 7st 3lb; The Serf, 7st 2lb; Brunette, 7st 2lb; Miss Henry, 7st 1lb; Ekey, 7st; Manildra, 7st; Neichdale, 7st; Darkie, 7st; Lady Winnie, 7st.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

DECEMBER MEETING.

The following weights have been issued for the A.J.C. December Meeting, which takes place on Saturday next:—

	st	lb		st	lb
King Pin	11	8	Transvaal	9	9
Wollogorang	11	2	Helicon	9	3
Rose Bay	10	6	Lantier	9	2
Merchlin	10	0	Encore	9	0
Antique	9	12			
Toongs	9	0
Irondale	9	0
Strepera	9	0
Bl'k Tracker	9	0

THE FLYING HANDICAP—6f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Leader (late Autocrat)	9	5	Canadian	7	12
Prince Lyon	9	4	Cressy	7	12
Myall	9	4	Lord Lowell	7	10
Russini	8	5	Velocity	7	9
Suivre	8	3	Cushier	7	8
Yuranigh	8	3	Benevenuto	7	8
Yanawa	8	3	Victory	7	8
Berthier	8	3	Sasin	7	7
Atrioch	8	1	Brumlo	7	7
Lord Clieve	8	1	Attendant	4	7
Portland Belle	7	12	Richard	7	7
			Cassidy	7	1
Blue-Black	6	10
Incision	6	10
Rose Lynne	6	10
Ravenshoe	6	10
Bernie's Notion	6	9
W. F.	6	8
Chimer	6	7
Mimer (imp)	6	7
Green Mountain	6	7
Tain (imp.)	6	7
The Relic	6	7

THE NURSERY HANDICAP.—5f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Bon Bon	9	5	Sarah Jane	8	0
Fanshawe	9	0	Mangosteen	8	0
Grattondelle	9	0	Zythos	8	0
Cathay	8	12	Terra	8	0
The Hawker	8	5	Acer	8	0
Lord Fitzroy	8	4	Archery	8	0
Jim Dorset	7	7
Glenshok	7	7
Florette	7	5
Grafden	7	4
Yecha Tycha	7	0
Waikato	7	0

GRAND STAND STAKES, 1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Sir Leonard	9	2	Oblivion	8	13
Bridegroom	9	2	Fanfare	8	11
Sequence	9	2	Cyanide	8	11
Famous	9	0	Zanzibar	8	11
Ivan	8	9	Long Tom	8	11
Leader	8	8	Australis	8	11
Russell II.	8	13	Chereon	8	2
Kelp	8	2
Dumont	8	2
W. F.	8	1
*Possum	8	1
Graft	7	11

* Claims 10lb allowance.

THE HOLIDAY HANDICAP.—1½m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Long Tom	9	7	Insolence	7	4
Highflyer	8	11	Zanzibar	7	0
Saida	8	0	Loch Lochie	6	11
Calford	7	12	Curaumow	6	11
The Mite	7	6			
Donovan	6	7
Colorado	6	7
The Relic	6	7
Bono	6	7

THE HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP.—1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Bulli	10	12	Speculum	8	12
The Chief	10	7	Thetford	8	12
Yanawa	10	4	Signature	8	12
Perfect	9	10	Danny Mann	8	11
Gelagnite	9	10	Corra Lynne	8	10
Ben Hur	9	10	Donovan	8	9
Ryton	9	9	Chamberlain	8	9
Carrageen	9	7	Possum	8	8
Vulcano	8	12	Praleen	8	7
Parrot	8	7
Gold Scale	8	7
Marge	8	7
Diploma	8	7
Refuge Bay	8	7
Watchfire	8	7
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TATTERSALL'S ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

The following entries have been received for the undermentioned events, to be decided at the annual race meeting of Tattersall's Club, to be held on January 1 and 2:—

FIRST DAY.

Hurdle Race, about 2m.—Satinvader, Transvaal, N.G., Strepera, Frontier, Rondoch, Irondale, Antique, Enavore, Toongs, Rose Bay, Wollogorang, Lantier, King Pin.

Lady Hopetoun Stakes, 1m.—Colorado, Parrot, Parallax, Bottletree, W. F., Refuge Bay, Delcore, Handicapper, Praleen, Thetford, Lively (imp.), Marge, The Relic, Rue Royale, Ironmould, Calcium, Herne's Notion, Proceed, Felicita, The Corporal, Bono, Bendover, Watchfire, Sportan.

Juvenile Stakes, 5f.—Terra, Graftondelle, Florette, The Hawker, Lord Fitzroy, Chimera, Arizona, Vitula, Jim Dorset, Gemstone, Waikato, Tycha, Tycha, His Majesty, Vanadium, Zythos, Peaceful.

Pace Welter, 1m.—Colorado, The Chief, Calford, Diploma, Yanawa, Donovan, Bulli, Vulcano, Carrageen, Gelagnite, Benevenuto, Ryton, Bismuth, The Corporal, Standard, Perfect, Bendover, Overdale.

Northcote Handicap, 1¼m.—Parrot, Famous, T. M. S., Refuge Bay, Graceton, Cyanide, Handicapper, Nothos, Ryde, Loch Lochie, The Relic, Donovan, The Mite, Tatterdemalion, Contest, Fungus, Highflyer, Signature, Speculum, Leader, Oblivion, Saida, Insolence, Dumont, Kincumber.

SECOND DAY.

Flying Welter, 6f.—Parrot, Brunle, W. F., 'Possum, Ravenshoe, Ferryman, Sir Richard, Danny Mann, Lord Lovell, Calford, Velocity, Postea, Nous, Lord Clive, Dab, Portland Belle, Cashier, Saskale, Fungus, Orry, Bernie's Notion, Chimera, Nimrud, Byton, Cressy, Chamberlain, Victory, Canadian, Overdale, Danseuse, Genoese.

Nursery Handicap, 5½f.—Sopra, Sarah Jane, Graftondelle, Mangosteen, Hadrian, The Hawker, Scot Free, Lord Fitzroy, Chimera, Phrixus, Vitula, Fanshawe, Jim Dorset, Bon Soir, Vanadium, Zythos, Peaceful.

New Year's Gift, 1m.—Colorado, Myall, Bottletree, Famous, T. M. S., Refuge Bay, Sir Richard, Graceton, Shelley, Lovell, Seasalter, Handicapper, Praleen, Thetford, Nothos, Lively (imp.), The Relic, Yanawa, Donovan, Nirvana, Kitty Grafton, Canadian, Kensington, Gelagnite, Kelp, The Corporal, Perfect, Orry, Suivre, Bassini, Kincumber.

Steeplechase, about 2½m.—Satinvader, Galtee More, Kaffir, Monarch, Quickshot, Rising Fund, Teamster, Grafter, Riscup Belltopper.

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Parrot, Cakewalk, 'Possum, Treasy, Graceton, Delcore, Calford, Thetford, Ryde, Marge, Yanawa, The Relic, Rue Royale, Ironmould, Carrageen, Volcano, Signature, Speculum, Proceed, Benvenuto, Leader, Byton, Suivre, Standard, Insolence, Bendover, Berthier, Watchfire, Dumont.

NEWCASTLE TATTERSALL'S CLUB RACES.

SECOND DAY, Monday, Dec. 14.

The Newcastle Tattersall's Club annual Cup meeting was brought to a conclusion to-day. The attendance was again good, and the arrangements were excellently carried out by the secretary, Mr. L. Solomon. Results:—

Shorts Handicap of 30 sovs, 6f.—Mr. John Platt's b g Panara, by Sir William—Caution, 5 yrs, 7st 2lb (Cornwell), 1; Mr. P. M'Carthy's br m Friendship, 6yrs, 9st (D. M'Carthy), 2; Mrs. Burke's br g Nickel, aged, 8st 9lb (Hough), 3. Other starters: Argentum, 8st 6lb; Molly Butler, 7st 5lb; Valnaut, 6st 13lb; Athol King, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Panara, 7 to 2 v Friendship, 4 to 1 v Nickel, 7 to 1 v Athol King, 10 to 1 v others. Panara led nearly all the way and won by four lengths. Time, 1m 17s.

Flying Welter of 25 sovs., 6f.—Mr. A. J. Maher's b h Simnel, by Simmer (imp.)—Coralie, 3yrs, 8st 11lb (Quinn), 1; Mr. W. T. Skinner's b g Bristol Bill, aged, 8st 10lb (Tucker), 2; Mr. J. Master's g g Bluey, 6yrs, 7st 10lb (Jennings), 3. Other starters: Quick March, 8st 8lb; Rocklily, 7st 12lb; Cangon, 7st 10lb; Flavia, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Simnel, 3 to 1 v Bristol Bill, 4 to 1 v Rocklily, 5 to 1 v Bluey. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 17s.

Miners' Handicap of 60 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—Mr. L. Morgan's b g Atlantic, by Atlas—Blue and Cerise, 3yrs, 7st 6lb (Blatchford), 1; Mr. J. Platt's b m Panara, 5yrs, 7st 6lb, including 7lb penalty (Cornwell), 2; Mr. J. Chambers's ch g Standard, aged, 7st 6lb (Hickey), 3. Other starters: Myall, 8st 6lb; Tarik, 8st 13lb; Apsley, 8st 2lb; Neptunus, 8st; Exile, 7st 6lb; Gold Lace, 7st 3lb; Coralette, 7st 3lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Myall, 4 to 1 v Atlantic, 6 to 1 each v Panara and Neptunus, 8 to 1 v Tarik. The field soon well together until rounding into the straight, after which Atlantic shot through and won easily by six lengths. Time, 1m 44s.

Park Stakes of 25 sovs, 6f.—Mr. D. J. Watt's ch g Bottletree, by Bonachal—Welcome, 5yrs, 9st 5lb (Hickey), 1; Mr. A. M'Innes's b g Cannon, 5yrs, 7st 12lb (A. M'Carthy), 2; Mr. T. Wood's b h Athol King, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (Kyle), 3. Other starters: Valnaut, 8st 4lb; Calabash, 7st 10lb; Ky Katie, 6st 7lb; Lady Alma, 6st 3lb; Nicely, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Valnaut, 3 to 1 v My Katie, 6 to 1 each v Chiefswood and Athol King. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 19⅘s.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, 7f.—Mr J. Beatty's g g Carnival, by Cobbity—Marplot, aged, 9st 4lb (D. M'Carthy), 1; Mr. A. C. Mayo's ch h Parade, 6yr, 9st (Quinn), 2; Mr. W. Richmond's b h Mosaic, aged, 8st (M'Crimmon), 3. Other starters: Bristol Bill, 9st 2lb; Rumbow, 8st; Longfellow, 8st. Betting: 5 to 1 each v Carnival, 4 to 1 each v Parade and Bristol Bill, 6 to 1 each v Longfellow and Rumbow. Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1m 32s.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

Weights for the Juvenile Stakes to be run at Caulfield on Boxing Day were declared to-day as follows:—Granite, 9st; Newgate, 8st 5lb; Rosehill, 8st 10lb; Windermere, 8st 10lb; Step Out, 8st 4lb, Class, 8st 2lb; Van Tromp, 8st; Hautmore, 7st 12lb; Muiron, 7st 12lb; Numeio, 7st 12lb; Fate, 7st 12lb; Marsh, 7st 12lb; colt by Majestic—Seagull, 7st 12lb; Pique, 7st 12lb; Skibo, 7st 12lb; Auriculus, 7st 12lb; Pierus, 7st 12lb; Artillerist, 7st 12lb; colt by Lochiel—Patrona, 7st 12lb; Seagem, 7st 12lb; Pleasant Place, 7st 12lb; Billingsgate, 7st 10lb; Red Streak, 7st 7lb; Pretty Nell, 7st 7lb; Mark, 7st 7lb; Volcanian, 7st 7lb; Mistake, 7st 7lb; Climax, 7st 7lb; Comic Opera, 7st 7lb; Regina, 7st 7lb; Altitude, 7st 7lb; Black Pearl, 7st 7lb; Sweet Alice, 7st 7lb; Moss Rose, 7st 7lb; Sufficiency, 7st 7lb; Nakour, 7st 7lb; Kamimurra, 7st 5lb; Kestos, 7st 3lb; Kalnack, 7st 3lb; Adrar, 7st 3lb; Za Za, 6st 12lb; Oporto, 6st 12lb; Robellion, 6st 12lb; Grafteuse, 6st 12lb; Auricle, 6st 12lb; Rifle Bird, 6st 12lb; Fort Nepean, 6st 12lb; Fabric, 6st 12lb; Frankfort, 6st 12lb; Charlemagne, 6st

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE BAREILLAN RAILWAY.

TEMORA, Tuesday.

The Minister for Works was interviewed by several members of the Temora Borough Council during his visit to the Wyalong railway opening relative to the construction of the Barellan railway. He said he was not able to state any specified time when the line would be commenced. Money was not available for the work. He promised, however, to let the plant used in the construction of the Wyalong line remain at Temora.

A GRUESOME DISCOVERY.

EDEN, Tuesday.

This afternoon Mr. Albert W. Aspinall was found lying dead outside his residence at Thompson Point. It appears that about 2 o'clock Mr. James Morgan called to see Mr. Aspinall, who for some time had been in a precarious state of health. Mr. Morgan saw the body lying apparently lifeless on the ground, and at once sought Constable Wals. On returning with him, the gruesome discovery was made that the body was headless, the head having been blown to atoms, evidently by some powerful explosive. A report resembling an explosion of dynamite was heard in the locality about an hour previously. No firearm or explosive was found at or near the scene of the occurrence. Deceased was formerly a well-to-do contractor for Government works. Among local works carried out by him were the Green Cape lighthouse and Eden post office.

BUSH FIRES.

PARKES, Tuesday.

A bush fire broke out on Sunday on Mr. G. Mills' property at Milpose, and destroyed 300 bags of wheat, a winnower, a quantity of harness, and a number of wheat sacks.

HELP FOR A CATHEDRAL.

LISMORE, Monday.

A sale by auction was held to-day of cattle donated towards St. Carthage's Cathedral fund. About 300 were yarded, many being first-class animals. There was a good attendance of buyers, and there was keen competition for the best animals. The sale, which lasted all day, will total about £1400. The highest price was £82 for a cow, purchased by Mr. George Lee. Other cows realised £50 and £44. Several brought over £20.

MUNICIPAL.

BOURKE, Monday.

Mr. H. M. Earl was elected unopposed to the council for the West Ward, vice Mr. S. C. Davis, resigned. Mr. W. Chapman defeated Mr. J. Witte by 78 votes to 24 for the Central Ward, vice Mr. H. J. Rayment, resigned.

THE CHURCHES.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

News of the death of the Rev. John Joseph Cahill at Orange last week has been received locally with profound regret. Yesterday morning a solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased priest was sung at the pro-Cathedral before a large congregation.

The Anglican Bishop of Riverina, the Right Rev. Dr. Anderson, yesterday unveiled a tablet in connection with the erection of a new chancel at St. James' Church, South Broken Hill.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The sale of gift cattle to St. Carthage's Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday, in number 230, amounted to a total of £2060.

SOUTH COAST.

BULLI, Tuesday.

At a meeting in the School of Arts by those opposed to incorporation, Mr. J. McMeekan presided. A motion affirming that a progress committee should be formed was carried, also that a *sanitary system as proposed by the Board of Health be adopted.* Some speakers assert that as a sanitary system under the Board of Health would mean at least 4d per week, if not more, it would be better to pay a little more and apply for a full measure of incorporation. The opponents say that it is better to wait for a local government bill. The population of Bulli, Woonona, and Thirroul is 5000. The mineowners and coke works managers strongly oppose incorporation.

DAPTO, Tuesday.

In connection with the proposed Dapto new Public school and residence, Inspector Hunt has inspected the sites offered.

The new works for the treatment of nickel ore are being rapidly constructed.

NOWRA, Tuesday.

Recently the Nowra Council, at the request of Captain Marriott, applied for the Fire Brigades Act to be extended to Nowra. A reply was received that the Act was so extended ten years ago. The council were then proceeding to have a local board appointed, and invited the Underwriters' Association to appoint a representative, when a letter was received last night from the association stating that as the Act had been held to be inoperative in the country districts the association would not appoint representatives to the board.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Tuesday.

A number of hands have been put off the Cataract dam, principally from the scrub-clearing gangs, the work being almost completed.

FORSTER, Tuesday.

Mr. John Wright's steamer Tuncurry, Captain O'Berne, arrived here from Sydney this morning, at 4 o'clock, on her maiden voyage, which was accomplished in the record time of 12 hours. She brought a full complement of passengers. Her arrival created much interest.

The new sawmills of Messrs. Taylor and Portus, recently erected at Tuncurry, started work last week. About 30 hands will be employed.

The fishing industry is very slack.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The Municipal Council has decided that the site for cattle sale yards shall be the market *reserve*, in Molesworth-street, near the Council-chambers.

The Mayor, at a meeting of the Municipal Council last night, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia, presented a certificate of merit to Patrick Richard Kelly for a rescue from drowning at the Tweed River last year.

Messrs. J. Davis, Under-Secretary for Works, T. W. Keele, Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, W. Vernon, Government Architect, and W. A. Smith, of the Roads' Department, arrived to-day on a visit of inspection to public works in these districts.

MERRYLANDS, Tuesday.

Good progress has been made with the big bank on the canal being constructed by the Water and Sewerage Board between the Pipe Head and Prospect dam.

QUEANBEYAN, Tuesday.

Mr. Robert Allan, aged 81, a very old and respected resident of the district, died this afternoon.

TAMWORTH, Tuesday.

The hospital committee has decided to purchase four beds and bedding, so as to be in readiness for an expected pressure upon the accommodation. Dr. Walley, one of the medical staff, has been authorised to wait upon the Board of Health to learn what the board is prepared to do in the event of a typhoid epidemic.

THE ARBITRATION ACT.

APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A notice was lodged to-day of an application for special leave to appeal to the High Court against the decision of the Industrial Arbitration Court of New South Wales, the appellant being Richard Clancy, of George-street, butcher. In his affidavit he sets out that he was fined £2 10s and costs for breach of agreement under the Act administered by that Court, and on August 10 in the Supreme Court he obtained a rule nisi for a prohibition directed against the Butchers' Shop Employees' Union of New South Wales, J. J. News (secretary to that body), and the members of the Industrial Arbitration Court, restraining them from proceeding on that decision. The rule was discharged on December 4, and he now seeks to appeal to the High Court.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

Mr. George Smith, a very old resident of Prospect, died at the Parramatta District Hospital on Tuesday morning, after a long illness. The deceased, who leaves a widow and five children, was known in the district as a keen sportsman, and took great interest in horse-racing.

DEATH BY DROWNING.

On Monday afternoon the Parramatta coroner, Mr. W. E. MacNevin, S.M., held an inquiry touching the death of a child named Dorothy Ellen Spillane, aged 7 years, who fell into a well and was drowned. The evidence was to the effect that while the mother and father of the deceased were away from home the little girl and her brother were playing about the yard. The brother ran away, but hearing his sister screaming he ran back, to find that she had fallen down the well. The alarm was given, and the neighbours succeeded in recovering the child in an unconscious condition, though there were some signs of life. The child, however, died while artificial respiration was being resorted to. A finding of death from asphyxia, caused by drowning, was recorded.

THE CHURCHES.

Last week the Rev. A. Dundee, Presbyterian minister at Windsor, was the recipient of a morocco leather wallet from the pupils of The Vineyard Public school.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE BOT FLY.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The bot fly has appeared in the Port Elliott district, and is causing great trouble amongst the horses.

A fire occurred at the shop of Mr. E. A. Mallin, builder and contractor, at the Semaphore at noon to-day, and destroyed the premises, the value of which was about £1000. Only a portion of the loss is covered by insurance in the State Insurance Company.

ATTEMPT TO SCUTTLE A BARGE.

Early yesterday morning the barge Stanley, lying alongside the wharf at Murray Bridge, was found to be in a sinking condition. It was discovered that about 30 small holes had been bored through the stern. Had the scuttling taken place earlier the barge would have sunk. She has been lying empty for some time. Her owner is absent up the river.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

STRATHMERTON TO TOCUMWAL RAILWAY.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Premier, in announcing the appointment of Mr. Justice Hood as a Royal Commission to investigate the circumstances attending the offering of money by Dr. Mostegne to Mr. Mitchell, M.L.A., said that members would desire that the investigation should be entered on immediately, but as the conduct of a gentleman, now absent from Victoria, was concerned it was necessary that he should have an opportunity of giving an answer. He (the Premier) had consequently cabled to him indicating the general character of the investigation. Mr. Graham asked if in view of New South Wales having agreed to the joint construction of a short railway from Strathmerton to Tocumwal the Victorian Government would have the work carried out with the least possible delay. The Minister for Public Works said he had not received any communication from the Government of New South Wales indicating that they intended to go on with the work though he had seen a private telegram to that effect. The Redistribution of Seats Bill was further considered in committee. The Premier expressed great surprise at the Opposition on Thursday leaving the Chamber in a body. He claimed the right of the Government to define its attitude at any stage of the bill, but disclaimed any intention to use a majority to stifle discussion. Some small alterations were made, some of them against the wish of the Government. The proposal to extend the polling hours from five to seven in the country districts, thus making the hours uniform throughout the State occasioned discussion. As a compromise it was decided to extend the closing hours from 5 to 6 o'clock. Several amendments were negatived and the bill passed. The House rose at 11.40.

EXODUS FROM VICTORIA.

In the Legislative Council, Messrs. Luxton, Vary, and M'Leod, the three members who had been returned unopposed, took their seats. Mr Lyell drew attention to the large exodus of people from the State, alleging that 158,749 had gone since 1892. The Attorney-General said that the Government had done all in its power to stop the exodus, which he did not think was as great as represented. The Unused Roads Bill was read the second time.

The Unused Roads Bill was passed through committee with amendments. The House at 9.55 p.m. adjourned till next day.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The House of Assembly met till 2.30 this morning stonewalling the Government row re to carry the revised estimates, and Ministers ultimately succeeded. To-day the Standing Orders were suspended to enable the passing through all their stages of several delayed bills. Every effort will be made to scramble through the sessional work this week.

STATE POLITICS.

THE ARMIDALE BY-ELECTION.

DECLARATION OF THE POLL.

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

The official declaration of the poll for the Armidale by-election was made this morning at the Town Hall, in the presence of about 40 persons. The returning officer announced the figures as follow:—

S. J. KEARNEY	..	..	643
C. G. WILSON	..	..	470
W. H. WATSON	..	..	309
Informal	..	..	11
Majority for Kearney..		..	172

The candidates returned thanks.

CANTERBURY ELECTORATE.

LIVERPOOL, Monday.

Mr. F. W. Webster, who intends contesting the Canterbury seat at the next election, addressed a well-attended meeting of electors from the balcony of Cloke's Family Hotel on Saturday evening, and received an excellent hearing. Mr. Webster advocated municipal reforms giving more just taxation, and providing for the right of ratepayers to elect the Mayors, and the councils to sell land upon which rates are owing for three years; an effective Factories Act, which would provide for proper sanitary arrangements and supervision of the hours of labour and the ages of operatives; the establishment of a bursary system, to give the children of poor parents an opportunity of obtaining a complete education; and a better provision, and less costly, for enabling persons to obtain money to which they are entitled out of Chancery.

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The Principal will be repaid at par not earlier than five years nor later than twenty years from the 1st February, 1904, the Government reserving to itself the right of redemption (by conversion or otherwise) on the 1st February or 1st August, 1909, or in any year after the year 1909, upon giving six months' notice in the Government Gazette, and in at least four newspapers published in the colony, of its intention to do so.

Both Principal and Interest will be made payable at the Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand.

Dividends, represented by coupons attached to the Debentures, will be payable on the 1st February and the 1st August in each year during the currency of the Loan, at the Cashier's Office, Treasury, Wellington, or at any Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in New Zealand or Australia.

At the option of the holder of any debenture, and on application made in that behalf at the Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand, he may at any time during the currency thereof have it indorsed payable to both principal and interest, at any specified Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in Australia: Provided that the indorsement shall be made not less than one month before the due date of the next ensuing payment of interest.

Scrip Certificates (with Coupon attached for the payment of Interest for the broken period from the 4th January next to the 1st February, 1904) will be issued, to be exchanged for the Debenture-bonds with Interest-coupons attached.

The first six months' interest, calculated upon the nominal amount of the Debenture, will be payable on the 1st August, 1904.

The issue-price will be at the rate of £100 in money for every £100 expressed in debentures (below which no deposit will be accepted), payable as follows:—

Deposit of 5 per cent. on application.

First instalment of 45 per cent. on MONDAY, 4th January, 1904.

Second instalment of 50 per cent. on MONDAY, 1st day of February, 1904.

Payments may be made in full at any time on or after the 4th January, 1904, and prior to the 1st February, 1904, at a discount at the rate of one pound ten shillings per centum per annum.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, Government-buildings, Wellington, accompanied with the 5 per cent. deposit, will be received up to noon on WEDNESDAY, 23rd December, 1903, when they will be opened in the presence of the Colonial Treasurer and the Controller and Auditor-General, and allotment will forthwith be made. If cheques are lodged with the Tender, they must be drawn upon a Bank in Wellington, and be marked by such Bank as "good" for fourteen days. Cheques issued by a Bank need not be so marked.

Tenders may be for the whole or any part of the Loan, and must state what amount of money will be given for every £100 of the Debentures tendered for. Tenders must be for even hundreds of pounds sterling, and at prices which are multiples of an eighth. Tenders at different prices must be on separate forms. The nominal amount of Debentures tendered for must be written on the outside of the Tender.

In case of default in the payment of any instalment at its proper date, the deposit and instalment (if any) previously paid will be liable to forfeiture. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned.

The first and second instalments may be paid at any Branch of the Bank of New Zealand, either in the colony or Australia, to the credit of the Public Account, or at the Treasury, Wellington, not later than the several dates previously mentioned.

Tenders must be on printed forms, which may be obtained at the Cashier's Office, Treasury, Wellington, or at the Offices of the Bank of New Zealand at Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, or Dunedin.

Office of the Colonial Treasurer,
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TENDERS FOR ANNUAL VALUATION.

FRESH TENDERS will be received up till 12 o'clock noon on TUESDAY NEXT, 22nd instant, from Persons competent to make the Annual Valuation of all Rateable Property within the Borough for the Municipal year 1904-5. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. Specifications may be seen at the Council-chambers, Queen Victoria-street, Bexley.
RICHARD W. CHURCHILL,
Council-chambers, Council Clerk.
Bexley, December 15th, 1903.

BOROUGH OF HAMILTON (VICTORIA).

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TENDERS are invited, and will be received until the 26th January, 1904, from any Person or Company willing to undertake the LIGHTING of the Streets of the Borough with any approved light, and accepted, for a Term of Ten (10) years more or less. Full particulars can be obtained from the Town Clerk, Hamilton.

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Town Hall, Hamilton, December 8th, 1903.

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SLATES, Slates, Slates.—20 x 10 best American Blue and Green, just landed. Fire Lumps, Oven Tiles, Fire Bricks, Slate Nails, Baths, and Sinks.
G. E. CRAIG and SONS, Pitt-street, Circular Quay.

For Continuation see Index to Advertisements.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

MR. AND MRS. WOOLF,
PURCHASERS
of every description of Ladies' and Gents.'s
WEARING APPAREL,
Furnishings, Trunks, Old Gold, Silver, Artificial Teeth, and every description of articles purchased.

UTMOST VALUE GIVEN.
Letters receive immediate attention.

112 BATHURST-STREET. Telephone, 4132.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mr. and Mrs. BARNETT give from fifty to hundred per cent. above all dealers for Ladies', Gents', and Children's Left-off Clothing of all descriptions, House Linen, Artificial Teeth, Miscellaneous Articles, etc. Letters attended to by Mr. or Mrs. BARNETT, 45 Foveaux-street, city.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING (The original).—Mr. and Mrs. M. MITCHELL have a great demand for all kinds of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, and also supply other colonies. Ladies and gentlemen can rely on getting the extreme value. Ladies changing for mourning. Old Teeth, Jewellery, Portmanteaus, Trunks, Table Linen, Furniture, &c. Letters and parcels attended. Only address, 147 Bathurst-street, city. We send no representatives.

MR. AND MRS. ROSENTHAL,
PURCHASERS of every description of Ladies' and Gent.'s Wearing Apparel, Trunks, Portmanteaus. Old Gold, Artificial Teeth, and every description of articles purchased. Extreme Value Given. A trial solicited. Letters att., dist. no obj. 114, 116 Bathurst-street.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Articles of every description Bought by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, 272 Elizabeth-st, c. Bought by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, 272 Elizabeth-st, c.

WANTED, two full-sized BILLIARD TABLES, with or without furniture, and all accessories.
G. E. WISE,
Croydon.

GAS STOVE, Eureka or Raleigh, also Younger or Ward's. Price to W. L., Haymarket P.O.

FAT (Kitchen) Bought, or Soap in Exch. Letts, st., city or subs. J. H. Marlton, 27 Bray-st, Erskville.

KITCHEN FAT Bought, or soap in Exch. Letters, twenty-stone. W. Cook-st, 9-11 Arrow-hand, Redfn.

KITCHEN FAT Bought or soap in Exch. Letters 18 Queen's Walk, Melb.; and 64 Queen-st, Brisbane.

WANTED, first-class Second-hand Billiard Table, complete, low cash. prof., cash. E.D., Herald, King-st.

WANTED to Buy, Perambulator, must be good and cheap, st once. J. B. L., Herald Office.

WANTED to Purchase, Ladies' Fur, or Fur-lined Coat, immediately, cheap. 11 Sayewater-rd, Dhurst.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

E. CANTOR, 15 Hunter-st, est. 1875. The Celebrated SHIRTMAKERS. Tel., 3508.

THE GREAT FILE SPECIFIC.

LOMBARDIA

has now been before the public for over fifty years, and is declared by the thousands who have used it to be without a rival. It is the only genuine specific and has never been known to fail when properly applied.

HUNDREDS OF TESTIMONIALS have been received, testifying as to its wonderful curative properties.

PRICE, 2s 6d.

For Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Sunburns, Chafing, its application has a marvellous effect.

ECZEMA of the most stubborn type has been cured by its application.

If you cannot obtain it at your local Chemist or Storekeeper send Postal Note for cost to
THE LOMBARDIA PROPRIETARY,
Linden-court,
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To be had of all respectable Chemists and Storekeepers throughout the States.

BABCOCK AND WILCOX, LTD.

160,000-H.P. IN AUSTRALIA.

EXTRACT FROM A PAPER, entitled "A TOUR OF ENQUIRY," read by O. W. BRAIN, Esq., Chief Electrical Engineer of the Sydney Tramways, before the Electrical Association of N.S.W., May, 1903.

"One of the surprises of the tour was the very general adoption of Water-tube Boilers, and almost exclusively of the Babcock and Wilcox type, though not always of that make. In England, the United States, and Canada, one anticipated finding them in modern plants, and was not disappointed, but to meet them so commonly in Germany, in Vienna, Buda Pesth, Milan, and even the Hawaiian Islands, was certainly not expected. In fact, this type of Boiler, with forced draught and Green's Economisers, to obtain a higher duty and greater flexibility of service, seem to be the type conditions that promise to become the world's standard steam practice in electric stations."

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS JUST ORDERED 16 MORE B. and W. BOILERS; have 22 Babcock and 12 Shell Boilers; would only consider Babcock.

SYDNEY COUNCIL ORDERED FIVE.

ENGINEER MELBOURNE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED BABCOCK BOILERS.

IN STOCK SYDNEY.

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63 PITT-STREET.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Limited.

Head Office, Sydney, 10th December, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers for Inscribed Deposit Stock and A and B Fixed Deposits will be CLOSED against Transfers from the 19th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
FRANCIS ADAMS,
General Manager.

THE HAYMARKET PERMANENT LAND, BUILDING AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited,
720 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET, SYDNEY.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held
on MONDAY, the 21st INSTANT,
at 7.45 p.m.,
in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 720 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET.

BUSINESS:
The consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and Balance-sheet.
The Declaration of a Dividend.
The Election of Directors and Auditors.
The consideration of any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

Mr. James T. Tillock and Mr. J. W. Mortley retire from the Board by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and have each given the necessary notice. Mr. Joseph Lees is also a candidate, and has given the requisite notice. Messrs. Thomas and Henry Pratt retire as Auditors, but are eligible for re-election, and have given notice accordingly. There are no other candidates. By order of the Board,
ROBT. B. BARTON,
Manager.
9th Dec., 1903.

REAL ESTATE BRANCHES

An Established Firm of Auctioneers in the City contemplate opening
CERTAIN SUBURBAN BRANCHES.

Applications will be received up to SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 19th, from competent and reliable persons of good address willing to undertake the duties of MANAGER of each BRANCH.

Letters will be treated as confidential, and must be accompanied with copies of testimonials or references.
Address
BOX 157,
GENERAL POST OFFICE.

WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER, having been proclaimed a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, the OFFICES of all FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES in the undermentioned Associations will be CLOSED:—
SYDNEY MARINE UNDERWRITERS' and SALVAGE ASSOCIATION, Ltd.
FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
J. E. WOODTHORPE,
Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

The ANNUAL EXAMINATION of the PUPILS and DISTRIBUTION of PRIZES will take place at the Institution, City-road (late Newtown-road), Darlington, on THURSDAY, 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

The Hon. Sir Arthur Renwick, K.B., M.L.C., will preside.

Mrs. W. H. Simpson has kindly consented to present the prizes.

Subscribers, friends of the pupils, and the public are cordially invited to attend.

ELLIS ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between the undersigned, ARTHUR KINGSTON MOORE and GEORGE WILLIAM GREENISH, as Hotel Brokers and Commission Agents, under the style or firm of A. K. Moore and Co., has this day been DISSOLVED by mutual consent, and all moneys owing to the firm are payable to the said Arthur Kingston Moore. Dated at Sydney this fifteenth day of December, 1903.

GEO. W. GREENISH.
A. K. MOORE.
Witness—FRANK A. DAVENPORT, Solicitor, Sydney.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK.
The Treasury,
11th November, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that interest on Current Accounts with the Government Savings Bank will be paid, at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum, from 1st January, 1904.

T. WADDELL,
(7n-7) Engineer and Manager.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF COKE.

The Price of Large and Broken COKE at the North Shore Gas Works has been reduced to 5d per bag, or 8s 4d per 20 bags.

By order of the Board,
T. O. MORLAND,
12th Dec., 1903. Engineer and Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—You will save money by purchasing your Supplies of Christmas Cards, Fancy Goods, Prize and Presentation Books at spot cash prices from the N.S.W. BOOKSTALL CO., 351 George-street (near Harris-street).

BARGAINS in every Department.

TO PRODUCE BUYERS.—H. HISCUTT, late Proprietor of Neptune Hotel, Penguin, Tasmania, having had long experience with the farmers on the N

AUCTION SALES.

DULWICH HILL.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DEC. 17th, at 11 o'clock,

On the Premises,
BARNET-STREET and NEW CANTERBURY-ROAD, Corner House.

THE WHOLE of the SUPERIOR FURNITURE, PIANO and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,

AMERICAN ORGAN, etc., etc.

BEAUTIFUL WALNUT PIANO, in perfect order, in solid Walnut Case, full rich tone, and perfect touch. The Auctioneers strongly recommend it.

MAGNIFICENT AMERICAN ORGAN, by Willcox and White, with 4 sets reeds, and possessing unusual volume of tone.

The FURNISHINGS of the SITTING-ROOM are TASTEFUL and UP TO DATE.

VERY SUBSTANTIAL DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

CARPETS and LINOLEUM, OVERMANTELS.

MAGNIFICENT ASH and WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, comprising:- Bedroomsuite Wardrobe, Pair Large Toilets, Pedestal Cupboard, Towel Rail, and 2 Chairs, nicely carved.

SUBSTANTIAL BLACK and BRASS BEDSTEADS, fitted with Best Wire and Kapok Bedding.

The COMPLETE FURNISHINGS of TWO OTHER BEDROOMS.

KITCHEN FURNITURE and CULINARY REQUISITES.

GENT.'S BICYCLE.

BUYERS will do well to be in attendance. Take tram to Dulwich Hill terminus, and the House is about 5 minutes' walk along the Canterbury-road.

EACH LOT GOES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

ON VIEW FROM 9 O'CLOCK ON DAY OF SALE.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON have received definite instructions from H. EDEN, Esq., to sell as above.

Tel., 200 BURWOOD.

POTTS POINT.

Ladies and Gentlemen furnishing with taste, or adding to the adornment of their homes, or in search of a really high-class Piano, and others, are directed to the

VERY HIGHLY IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE, to be held at
ELURA, 42 VICTORIA-STREET, 6 doors from Challis-avenue,
on
FRIDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 18th, at 11 o'clock.

In consequence of Mrs. SAMS having leased her house from January 1st and relinquishing housekeeping.

The Whole of her VALUABLE FURNITURE, PIANOFORTES, and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, of
DRAWING, DINING, and SITTING ROOMS, HALL, SIX BEDROOMS and SMOKE ROOM, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY,
the whole of which are furnished in the most sumptuous manner, comprising—

DINING ROOM—
MAGNIFICENT ENGLISH MADE SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, size 6 feet, of modern design, with break front, fitted with drawers, cupboards, and cellarette, grand lotty back, and beautifully carved, and was imported at a cost of £75.

8 x 4 SOLID WALNUT EXTENSION DINING TABLE, with large turned legs, fitted with patent screw, and two spare leaves.

SOLID WALNUT DINNER WAGGON, size 3 feet, of modern design and highly finished.

SOLID WALNUT BOOKCASE, in perfect order.

HIGH-ARM SINGER SEWING MACHINE, with Sell Table and 4 drawers.

CHASTELY ENGRAVED GLASSWARE.

LOVELY CHINA TEA, DESSERT, and DINNER SERVICES.

GRAND DISPLAY OF DIXON & ROGERS, and HARDY BROS.' ELECTROPLATED WARE and CASE GOODS.

VERY LARGE SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTELS.

OIL PAINTINGS, LOVELY WATER COLOUR PAINTINGS.

AXMINSTER and 5 FRAME BRUSSELS CARPETS.

BRASS FENDERS and FIRE BRASSES, HEARTH RUGS.

SITTING ROOM.

BEAUTIFUL 8FT. SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, fitted in the most approved style, and of the best finish.

JOHN BROADWOOD and SON'S PIANO, in beautiful Rosewood marqueterie inlaid case, in superb order and condition. The largest Upright Grand Model, and is without question one of the finest pianos ever imported.

The AUCTIONEERS desire to draw the attention of the profession and others to this excellent instrument, the receipt for which is held, viz., £125. It is in every respect as good as new.

Edison Phonograph, with Transmitter, and over 40 Records, and Record Case.

MAGNIFICENT LOUNGE SUITE, of 6 pieces, upholstered in Saxon's saddle bags, in fine state of preservation, the Couch and 2 fine Lounge Chairs being extra large.

GRAND 9-PIECE WALNUT DINING SUITE, upholstered in Morococette.

BEAUTIFUL BERGE CHENILLE and GUIPURE LACE CURTAINS.

FINE SOLID WALNUT HALL FURNITURE.

AXMINSTER STAIR CARPETS AND RODS, AND LINO.

DRAWING-ROOM.

LOVELY 5-FRAME BRUSSELS CARPET, 21 x 19, laid by Beard, Watson, and in excellent order.

VERY RARE and EXPENSIVE CHINA WALL PLAQUES.

COSY CORNER, upholstered in cretonne.

RONISCH PIANO,
in beautiful Walnut Case, and full iron frame, in the pink of condition.

The AUCTIONEERS desire to draw special attention to both of these Pianos, and consider the merits of both instruments, and the makers are so well known that further comment is unnecessary.

LUXURIOUS SADDLE BAG LOUNGE.
LOUNGE CHAIRS IN SADDLEBAGS.

ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, 7 PIECES, beautifully upholstered in a rich tapestry, and Utrecht velvet.

RARE and EXPENSIVE BRONZES and ORNAMENTS.

WALNUT CABINET of Modern Design and Finish.

BEDROOMS.

MASSIVE ALL BRASS STATE BEDSTEAD, size 4-6, fitted with the best sanitary wire and horsehair mattresses.

MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, of English manufacture, and high-class finish, 6-6 3-Winged Wardrobe, Pair 4-0 Toilets, Pedestal, Cupboard, Towel Rail, and Chairs.

The perfect finish and the quality of this lovely Suite must command special notice.

EUGENIE COUCH AND EASY CHAIR.

WALNUT CHEST OF DRAWERS, 7 drawers.

SOLID WALNUT ARM COMMODE.

THE COMPLETE FURNISHINGS OF FIVE OTHER BEDROOMS,
including:—
WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE AND OTHER FINE SUITES, 3ft 6in, 3ft, and 2ft 6in BRASS BEDSTEADS, CHESTS OF DRAWERS, TOILET GLASSES, and also
THE FURNITURE OF SMOKING and READING ROOM.
MANGLE, ICE CHEST, LAWN MOWER, WHITEWOOD KITCHEN FURNITURE, and KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES.

By permission of Mrs. Sams, will be offered, without reserve, a most efficient UPSTANDING BLACK CARRIAGE HORSE, a perfect mover, quiet in saddle and harness, 4 yrs. Also, Doctor, Undertaker, and others.
NEARLY NEW SET OF HARNESS for same.
To be sold as comes, owner having no further use for it.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON have been favoured with instructions to conduct the above highly important Sale, and invite intending Purchasers to ring up 200 Burwood for Catalogues.

BOOK CATALOGUES are now ready, and will be posted on application.
A Light Luncheon will be provided for buyers in consequence of the length of the Catalogues.
ON VIEW TO-MORROW, FROM 10 TILL 6.

BY ORDER OF THE CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES.

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER, at 3 P.M.
IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH PICKERING, DECEASED.
TWO ROOMED WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE and Sheds.
The land has about 60ft frontage to Broad-street, Rosedale, by a depth of 150ft, fenced, and is only 3 mins. from ENFIELD-ASHFIELD TRAM.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON will sell the above described Property, AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS, close to Burwood Station, on SATURDAY NEXT, at 3 o'clock.
Auctioneers' telephone, 200 B.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,

The Balance of Unredeemed Jewellery pledged with Mr. L. M. TRENN, of TRENN'S MONT DE PIETE MARKET-STREET, and also at HARRIS-STREET, PYRMONT, comprising
GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES, GOLD ALBERTS, FOBS and MUFF CHAINS
DIAMOND, SIGNET, KEEPER, and WEDDING RINGS
GOLD BROOCHES, EARRINGS, BANGLES, LINKS, SOLITAIRES.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,

On the Premises
of the
N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY,
74 Castlereagh-street,
SUNDRIES, comprising—

Field and Opera Glasses, Books, Cutlery, Cruets Table and Dessert Forks and Spoons, Revolvers, &c Musical Instruments, Clocks, &c
Double-barrelled, Breech-loading Hammerless Gun.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the New South Wales Mont de Piete Deposit and Investment Company to sell by auction, on their Premises, 74 Castlereagh-street,

E. & B.

TO-MORROW,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903,
AT 11 O'CLOCK,
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

Under Instructions from
THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

OVERTIME GOODS AND SAMPLES.

SEIZURES,
including
345 TINS OPIUM
3 LADIES' BICYCLES
TOBACCO, CIGARS, &c., &c.

UNCLAIMED GOODS,
including
1 CASE LINEN GOODS
2 CASES L. NOS
2 CASES BON BONS
2 CASES CUTLERY
50 CASES BEER
CASH REGISTER, &c., &c.

, CATALOGUES in course of preparation.

, GOODS will be on view on THURSDAY MORNING prior to sale.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY have been instructed to SELL, as above, at the MART, 199 PITT-STREET, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1903.

Also,
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED,
WITH ALL FAULTS, IF ANY,
200 BOXES PRUNES, S.A.,
each 28lb.,
and
30 CASES FLORIDA WATER, each 1 dozen.

Under instructions from a Financial Institution.
4 CASES MEN'S PITH STRAW HATS.
3 CASES WOMEN'S STRAW BOATERS.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY will sell as above.

EDGECLIFF.

To Collectors of Antiques, Connoisseurs of Art, Professional and Amateur Photographers, Artists, and Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing.

TO-MORROW, DEC. 17, AT 11 A.M.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT
and
UNIQUE SALE BY AUCTION,
at the Residence,
REDRUTH,
218 EDGECLIFF-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA,
(next Leave Waverley trams at Marcus Clark's.)
Under Instructions from
S. M. JACOBI, Esq.
THE WELL-KNOWN ARTIST,

The whole of his
SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
EXQUISITE APPOINTMENTS,
together with
THE FINEST COLLECTION OF
GENUINE OIL PAINTINGS,
by OLD and MODERN MASTERS,
ever Submitted in Australia,
of the
FRENCH, ITALIAN, GERMAN, and ENGLISH SCHOOLS.
AN ORIGINAL OIL PORTRAIT OF
MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS,
PAINTED IN HER LIFETIME.

FINE PAINTINGS BY

SIMONINI	ROSATI
RECIG	CANALETTO
BUTLER	GUIDO
MARINI	VAN DER WELDE
REMBRANDT	KNELLER
WATTEAU	PAUL VAN DELST
ALLEN RAMSAY	FRANZ HALS
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TWO NOBLE WORKS OF ART,
Painted in the Eighteenth Century by
PHILLIP DE CHAMPAGNE.
These masterpieces measure 10ft 6 x 7ft, have been valued at £3000.

Magnificent Collection of
ART OBJECTS,
CARVED IVORIES, MINIATURES, OLD SILVER, EMPIRE SILVER POWDER BOX, ANTIQUE SILVER BELT AND COLLARETTE, GENUINE EMPIRE CLOCK and CANDLESTICKS; OLD POTTERY, PEWTER, SHEFFIELD PLATE, Rare Curios, Old Engravings and Mezzotints, COLOUR PRINTS after GEORGE MORLAND, BOUILLY, REYNOLDS, LAWRENCE.

FINE COLLECTION ARMS, ARMOUR.

HERMANN SCHRODER PIANO,
an Upright Grand, oblique, trichord, overstrung, iron frame, possessing rare and exceptional qualities, selected in Berlin.

FINE LOUIS XVI. CABINET.

ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS,
FINE LACE CURTAINS.

CHIPPENDALE FURNITURE and Furnishings of DRAWING-ROOMS, HALL, and BEDROOMS.

BRONZES AND RARE ORNAMENTS.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AND PHOTO ENGRAVING APPARATUS.

SANDERSON CAMERA WITH COOK LENS.

10 LARGE AND SMALL CAMERAS.

DALLMEYER, ROSS, and DARLOT LENSES.

50 FANCY and HISTORICAL COSTUMES.

And Lines of Interest too numerous to mention.

This Rare Collection was selected from time to time during Mr. JACOBI'S travels throughout the world.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, DECEMBER 16, from 10 till 5 o'clock.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES READY.

SYDNEY DAVIS,
AUCTIONEER,
2 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 2157.

DULWICH HILL.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18,
AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
THE BIJOU RESIDENCE,
ASTER,
CANONBURY GROVE,
DULWICH HILL,
Under Instructions from
MRS. F. JONES,
prior to her departure from this State.
The Whole of her
ELEGANT FURNITURE
and
RECHERCHE APPOINTMENTS,

All practically new, having only been in use about three months.
ELECTROPLATE, CHINA, GLASSWARE.
BRUSSELS CARPETS, AI LINOLEUMS.
GENOA VELVET DRAWING SUITE.

OVERMANTELS, OILPAINTINGS.

SIDEBOARD, DINNER WAGGON.

BEDROOM SUITES, etc.

DOUBLE BEDSTEADS,
Toilet Ware, Ornaments, Wall Brackets.

BEAUTIFUL RALEIGH GAS STOVE.

Kitchen Furniture and Utensils,
etc., etc.

The attention of PRIVATE BUYERS is specially drawn to this sale, everything being equal to new, and all requisites for housekeeping contained therein.

SYDNEY DAVIS,
AUCTIONEER,
2 Post Office-chambers. Tel., 2157.

SATURDAY NEXT, 19th DECEMBER, 1903.

MINING SPECULATORS, MACHINERY BUYERS, MINE-OWNERS, and DREDGE MASTERS.
THE NEWSTEAD DEEP LEAD TIN MINES, ELSMORE, near INVERELL, N.S.W.

THIS COMPLETE MINING PLANT, CONSISTING OF:—
STEAM WINCH, 8in. Dbl. Cylinders, 10in. Stroke
18-H.P. COLONIAL TYPE BOILER, 11ft 6in x 3ft 10in
VAUXHALL DONKEY PUMP, No. 7
TANGYE HORIZONTAL ENGINE, 5½in x 9in Stroke
WORTHINGTON STEAM PUMP, 6in x 3½in x 6in Stroke
ROOT'S BLOWER, MINING CAGES, TANKS, WIRE ROPES, GALVANISED IRON
STEAM and WATER PIPES, TOOLS, and SUNDRIES.

R. C. WATKINS and CO., 107 KENT-STREET, Sydney, are instructed to Sell by AUCTION the above, at the MINE, on SATURDAY, 19th December, at 3 O'CLOCK, in lots to suit buyers.
Catalogues may be had on application from the AUCTIONEERS.
ROUTE.—TRAIN to GLEN INNES, thence COACH to ELSMORE.

MOSS VALE.

MUNICIPAL SALEYARDS,

FRIDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 18, 1903,
at 1.45 p.m. Sharp.

TO GRAZIERS, FARMERS, DEALERS, DAIRYMEN, and Others.

600 HEAD 600
of
SPRINGING COWS and HEIFERS, and MIXED STORE CATTLE.

BEALE and GREGG will sell by auction, as above, when they will offer,
15 Good Springing Cows (Durham strain)
20 Springing Heifers
10 Newly Calved Cows and Heifers
102 Good Store Cows, will fatten to heavy weights
24 Choice Roan Heifers, 2½ to 3 years
110 Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2 years
150 Good Bullocks, 3 years, good sorts, nice condition.
86 Steers, 1½ to 2½ years.
20 Mixed Steers and Heifers.
16 Working Bullocks
27 4-year-old Bullocks.

E. & B.

DARLINGHURST.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

TO-MORROW,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
at
MAREEBA, BURLYN-STREET, DARLINGHURST.

The Whole of the Superior
FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS,
including
MASSIVE OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

COSTLY DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE RONISCH PIANOFORTE,
AN UPRIGHT GRAND, possessing exceptional quality of tone, can be highly recommended.
Also,
WALNUT WAGNER PIANOFORTE.

THE SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS of FOUR BEDROOMS, including
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS,
with best quality Bedding, complete.
BEACONSFIELD BEDROOM SUITE of 5 Pieces.
Etc., Etc.
WRIGHT'S No. 610 EUREKA GAS STOVE,
in perfect order.
PATENT TWO-ROLLER MANGLE, NEARLY NEW.
Etc., Etc.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon till 5 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., LTD.,
has been favoured with instructions to conduct the Important Sale by Auction, at the Residence, as above.

To Book Buyers, Connoisseurs, Collectors, Lessees of the Fine Arts, Ladies and Gentlemen about to Furnish, and others.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION,
on
FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,
at
THE AUCTION ROOMS OF
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD.
128-130 PITT-STREET (near King-street).

Under Instructions from
CHARLES HARRIS and CO., Ltd.,
of 25 Jamieson-street, Sydney.

VALUABLE BOOKS,

including many rare volumes relating to early Australian Life and Travel, and AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION of LITERATURE, among which are many choice and valuable works.

STERLING SILVER,
MINIATURES PAINTED ON IVORY,
PAINTINGS on PORCELAIN,
PHOTOGRAPHS,
Etc., Etc., Etc.
Also,
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MR. R. T. CARTER,
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SELL EVERY LOT
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE,
in order to make room for alterations to the premises in Jamieson-street.

ON VIEW TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, from 10 o'clock a.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. CHARLES HARRIS and CO., Ltd., to conduct the Highly Important Sale by Auction as above.

THE AUCTIONEER has been requested by Messrs. CHARLES HARRIS and CO., Ltd., to notify that THE COLLECTION of VALUABLE PICTURES will be Sold by Auction early in January next.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.

AT THE ROOMS OF
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD.,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street,
on
WEDNESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER,
AT 11 A.M.,
under instructions from
MR. HENRY CAMPBELL,
MANUFACTURERS' AGENT and IMPORTER, York-street (late of King-street),
in consequence of relinquishing the Furniture business.

HIGH-CLASS AMERICAN
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personally selected by Mr. CAMPBELL, from THE LEADING RAPIDS FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS, comprising
THE WHOLE OF THE PRESENT STOCK, AND MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES.

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ON VIEW MONDAY and TUESDAY, 21st and 22nd December.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
WILL SELL BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above.

CONTINUATION OF THE
HIGHLY IMPORTANT UNRESERVED
AUCTION SALE.
By Order of
S. HORDERN ESQ.
ON THE DEMOLITION WORKS,
GEORGE, GOULBURN, and SWAN STREETS.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DEC. 17,
AT 11 SHARP.

THE UNDERMENTIONED MATERIALS.
15,000ft 6 x 1 and 8 x 1½ T. and G. KAURI and HARDWOOD FLOORING
2,000ft 4 x 1 T. and G. and V. JOINTED LINING
2,000ft 6 x 1 T. and G. LINING
1,000 HARDWOOD JOISTS, Long Lengths, 8 x 2½ to 10 x 2½
1000 Pcs 4 x 2½ OREGON and HARDWOOD, Long Lengths
600 SHEETS GALV. IRON, 5 to 10 ft, equal to new
10 ORNAMENTAL C.I. COLUMNS and BRACKETS
CEDAR BOX FRAMES and SASHES, DOORS, ARCHITRAVES
WATER and GAS PIPING, DRESSED STONE FOOTINGS, FIRST-CLASS LOT of STONE FLAGGING
LARGE QUANTITY of LEAD LIGHTS
ORNAMENTAL STREET AWNING POSTS
FRIEZE, BRACKETS, and RAFTERS
THE STONE FRONTS of Nos. 668 to 676 George-street.

JAMES COWAN
has received instructions to conduct the above AUCTION SALE, in Lots to suit Purchasers.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,

ON THE PREMISES, No. 465 BOURKE-STREET, SURRY HILLS (near Albion-street),
On FRIDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 18, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES COWAN
acting under instructions from
Messrs. ALEXANDER DEAN and SONS,
MASTER BUILDERS,
Who will Sell at their WORKS and STORAGE YARDS,
A Large and Varied Assortment of Surplus JOINERY, OFFICE FITTINGS, GALV. IRON, BUILDING MATERIAL, GAS FITTINGS, LEAD, COPPER, BRASS, FOUNDRY, SCRAP IRON, BOLTS, Large Stock of VENTILATORS; also Surplus CONTRACTOR'S PLANT
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CHOICE WINDSOR PROPERTIES.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

MR. WILLIAM GOSPER, WINDSOR (in conjunction with Mr. IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-street, Sydney), will Sell by Public Auction, on the Premises, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, at 2 p.m.,
THE FITZROY HOTEL,
containing 18 rooms, billiard-room, etc., subject to existing tenancy.
TERMS: One-third cash, balance extended over 4 years.

Also, the RAILWAY HOTEL, at 2.30,
containing 8 rooms, etc., subject to existing tenancy.
TERMS as above.
Further particulars obtainable on application to
WILLIAM GOSPER,
Windsor, Auctioneer;
or,
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IN THE ESTATE LATE LOUISA ANN SIMMIN.

Lot 1.—PYRMONT. COTTAGE, No. 49 MURRAY-STREET, of wdn., on stone, verandah, 4 rooms, and kitchen; at rear is a wbd. COTTAGE of 2 rooms. RENTAL, £43 12s per annum. The Land has 39ft frontage to the west side of MURRAY-STREET, a few feet from Harwood-lane, depth 82ft. Leasehold 72 years to run, at a ground rent of £8 per annum.

Lot 2.—GUILDFORD HEIGHTS ESTATE. Allotments 12 and 20 of Sec. 15 Boyd and King's Subdn., 22ft to Berwick-street, 22ft to Chetwynd Grove, depth through 220ft. Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m., the above.
Messrs. J. WILLIAMSON and SONS are Solicitors of the Estate. (544)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
PARRAMATTA.

A Valuable BLOCK of LAND, having 168ft 10½in to the north side of GEORGE-STREET, between Charles and Harris streets, with a depth of 250ft 4in on one side and 161ft 11in on the other, extending back to Parramatta River, on which are erected the following premises:—
2 Semi-detached Brick Cottages, containing each hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, and washbend.
A Brick Cottage, containing hall, 4 rooms, bathroom, pantry and kitchen.
A Brick Cottage, containing hall, 4 rooms, 2 small attic rooms, detached kitchen, etc., of weatherboard.
And a small Wooden Cottage (erected on 40ft of the above-described land) is subject to the Life Tenancy of a Lady about 65 years of age.
TITLE TORRENS.
Messrs. J. STUART THOM BROS. and CO., Castlereagh-street, Mortgagees' Solicitors.
AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd (545)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

1.—PETERSHAM.—A valuable Corner Block of Land, having frontages of 80ft to the south side of the PARRAMATTA-ROAD, and 99ft to the CANTERBURY (Old) ROAD.

2.—LEICHHARDT.—An extensive Block of Land, having 132ft 7in frontage to the north side of PARRAMATTA-ROAD, between Flood and Upward streets, with a depth of 161ft, on which are erected two old Buildings, Nos. 517 and 519 Parramatta-road.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
Particulars from RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.
Also, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
Particulars from NEAL COLLINS, Esq., 81 Elizabeth-street, Mortgagees' Solicitor.

PARK-AVENUE, ASHFIELD.
Positive Sale, by order of the Trustee.
COTTAGE, No. 15, built of brick, verandah, 4 rooms, etc. Land, 30ft frontage, depth 111ft back to a lane. Water and sewerage. Known as Mr. Sandeford's. Key with Auctioneers.
AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (541)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
ARNCLIFFE.

TWO Detached Brick COTTAGE VILLAS, in STATION-STREET, fronts tuckpointed, stone foundations, slate and iron roofs, porch entrances, and bay windows in front, and each containing hall, 3 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washbend. The Land has 40ft frontage, with a depth of 120ft. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on
FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER,
at 11.30 a.m.,
The above.
Messrs. DEANE and DEANE are Solicitors of the Mortgagee. (551)

RANDWICK.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

THREE Detached HOUSES of brick, set in cement, fronts cemented, slate roofs, and each containing hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse. The Land, lot 15 of sec. 3, St. Mark's, fronts St. Mark's-st, with the great depth of about 402 feet. Leasehold about 77 years to run at a ground rent of £39 per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on
FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER,
at 11.30 a.m.,
The above.
Messrs. DEANE and DEANE are Solicitors of the Mortgagee. (552)

By Order of the
PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,
Executors of the Estate late W. G. Forster.

HOUSE, No. 86 TOOGOOD-STREET, ERSKINEVILLE, of brick, front cemented, slate and iron roof, verandah and balcony in front, and containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, and washbend, wooden shed in yard. The Land has about 40ft frontage, with a depth of about 67 feet. Rent 12s 6d per week.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above.

VACANT LANDS, IN ONE LOT.
BALMAIN, RIVERSTONE, and CABRAMATTA.
BALMAIN.—62 feet 5 inches frontage CARIEVILLE-STREET, depth 115 to 118 feet, being Lots 12 and 13 of that Estate.
RIVERSTONE.—4 ACRES, being Lot 11, Section 6, or 330 feet to Regent-street x 528 feet; also, 1 ACRE, being Lot 23, Section D, or 132 feet Hunter-street x 330 feet; also, 100 FEET to Hobart-street x 200 feet, being Lots 18 and 19, Section 5.
CABRAMATTA.—66 feet Cumberland-street x 198 feet, Lot 14, Section 8. Torrens Title. Mortgagee's Sale.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
Messrs. Crichton Smith and Monahan, Martin-place, Mortgagee's Solicitors.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited. (555)

NORTH SYDNEY.

A Semi-detached COTTAGE, of neat design, No. 417 MILLER-STREET (east side), between Rosalind and Amhurst streets. It is built of brick on brick foundation, tiled roof, has verandah filled in front and verandah at rear, and contains hall, 6 rooms, bathroom, linen press, pantry, kitchen, and laundry, detached workshop. Land 25ft x 112ft back to a lane. Torrens Title, garden front and back. The Cottage is well finished, with art mantels, and has gas, city water, and connected to sewer. Auction Sale at the rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
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Only 4 minutes from Electric Tram at Power-house, Ruslcutter Bay.
Well-built RESIDENCE, No. 36 STEPHEN-STREET, off Neild's-avenue, of brick, cemented, and painted front, rear painted, balcony front and side, enclosed verandah at rear, and containing hall, 6 rooms, pantry, bathroom, kitchen, washbsd, and fuel bin. The LAND has about 42 FEET FRONTAGE to the east side of Stephen-street, with a depth of 70 feet, entrance from side and rear. Sewer, gas, and city water connections.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m., the above. Cards to view obtainable. (553)

RIGHT OF DEPASTURING CATTLE IN THE OUTER DOMAIN FOR THE YEAR 1904.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., have received instructions from the Hon. Sir John See, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, to Sell by Public Auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1903,
at 11 o'clock prompt,
The Right to Depasture TEN COWS and EIGHT quiet HORSES in the OUTER DOMAIN for the year 1904. (550)

REDFERN FREEHOLD,
Within Easy Walking Distance of the Centre of the City.
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RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock,
The above property at Redfern. (537).

NORTH BOTANY.
NEAT COTTAGE, corner King and William streets, a pleasant, convenient situation, handy to tram, well built of rusticated weatherboards, brick partitions, lath and plaster walls, verandah, hall (25 x 5), five rooms, bath, washbsd, etc. Land, 45 x 110 feet. An inspection invited, being attractive and comfortable.
AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

(543)

NORTH SYDNEY LAND.—LEVEL BLOCK of 120 feet frontage to MOODIE-STREET, depth 100ft, off FALCON-STREET, near the Reserve, tram, and Alfred-street. AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (540)

NEWTOWN.—Brick HOUSE, No. 44 WATKIN-STREET, off King-street, slate roof, verandah, balcony, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, and laundry, wooden stable. Land 15ft frontage by a depth of 80 feet back to a lane. By order of the Mortgagee. AUCTION SALE, at our Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (539)
Messrs. Laurence and Macdonald, Solicitors for Mortgagee.

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ON EASTERN SIDE OF LINE AND CLOSE TO STATION.

By Order of the
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EIGHT ALLOTMENTS, Nos. 15 to 22, each 40 feet frontage to SPRING-STREET, depth 115 feet.
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FUNERALS.

CAMPBELL.—The Friends of Mrs. JULIET C. CAMPBELL (relict of Chief Justice Campbell, of Mauritius) are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave the residence of her daughter (Mrs. A. Traversi), Johnston-street, Balmain, THIS MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

CULLEY.—The Friends of Mrs. MARGARET CULLEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved SON, Charles Henry; to leave 31 Edward-street, North Sydney, THIS MORNING, at 10.30, for St. Thomas' Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

MADDOCKS.—The Friends of Mrs. SUSAN MADDOCKS are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave Fiddens, Wharf-road, Lindfield, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Parramatta Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

BAETES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD BARBER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Lavinia Margaret; to leave their residence, 7 Hugh-street, Ashfield, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Tel., 424, &c. Sydney and suburbs.

MADDEN.—The Friends of DENIS, JOHN, MICHAEL JOSEPH, THOMAS, and ELLEN MADDEN and Mrs. T. O'CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Catherine Madden; to leave her late residence, 118 Pitt-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Tel., 424, &c. Funeral Directors.

SIMPSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PERCY SIMPSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Lyla; to move from their residence, Park-road, St. Peters, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 for Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King-street, Newtown.

BACKHOUSE.—The Friends of LOUISA BACKHOUSE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her darling BABY, Doris Maud; to leave her residence, 33a Palmer-street, at 3.30 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON for Rookwood Cemetery.

HAMANN.—The Friends of Mrs. HAMANN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved HUSBAND, Charles; to leave his late residence, 30 Chandler's-avenue, off Newtown-road, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-st. West.

THE Officers and Members of Columbia Lodge, No. 41 I.O.O.F., are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Brother CHARLES HAMANN; to move from his late residence, 30 Chandler's-avenue, off Newtown-road, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Waverley Cemetery. By order N.G. Gustavus Vizer, sec.

SMITH.—The Friends of the late GEORGE A. SMITH, of Prospect Inn, are invited to attend his Funeral; to leave the Parramatta District Hospital THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Liverpool. R. METCALFE, Tel., 66. Undertaker, Parramatta.

WALKER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS A. WALKER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Elizabeth Beatrice (Bessie); to move from their residence, Wilga-street, Burwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.15, for Necropolis.
T. CRISFORD, Undertaker, Burwood.

SEELEY.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM LEONARD SEELEY (late manager of A.J.S. Bank) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, Bowenleigh, Hopetoun Estate, Chatswood, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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SHIPPING.
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S.S. PETERBOROUGH leaves Buckle's Wharf, Pyrmont, for Ulladulla, Bateman's Bay, and Nelligen, every Monday, at 4 p.m. For Shellharbour, every Friday, 5 p.m. Pass and cargo. John Aubin and Son, Agents.

MORUYA DIRECT.—For NERRIGUNDAH, GOULBURN FIELDS.—The S.S. MURRAY leaves Phoenix Wharf, off Erskine-street, TO-MORROW, Thursday, at 2 p.m. Passengers. A. KETHEL and CO., Agents.

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To Gladesville.—7.0, 7.35, 9.0, 9.15, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 4.30, 4.40, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 9.15, 10.30, 11.30.
To Wyde.—7.0 a.m., 9.0, 9.15, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.30, 6.15, 7.15, 8.0, 10.0, 10.30, 11.30.
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RETURNING AT PRESCRIBED INTERVALS.
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W. G. TODD, Manager.

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CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Walker's Wharf. The ship will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense without further notice.
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ALL ACCOUNTS and Claims against the above Vessel must be rendered in TRIPLICATE to the office of the undersigned before noon on WEDNESDAY, 16th instant, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
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SS. KAISOW, FOR LONDON.
All ACCOUNTS against the above Steamer must be rendered in duplicate at the office of the undersigned by noon TO-DAY, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
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